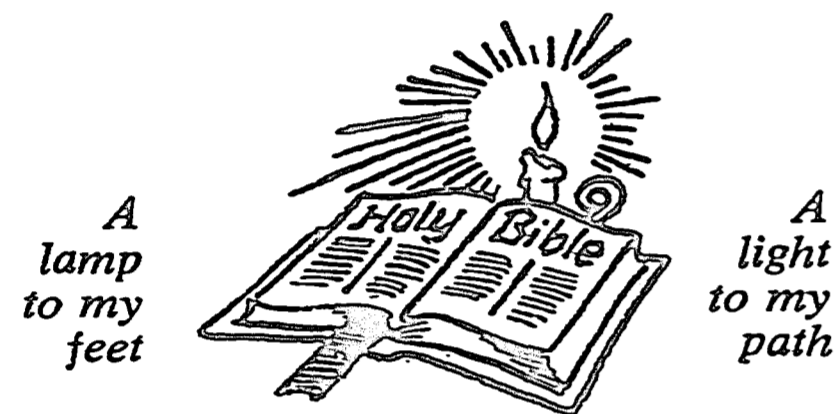


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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS for September 1972



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

### The Bible in Our Changing World

- 1—Fri. The Light of the World. John 8:12-19  
2—Sabbath. The Word Revives. Psa. 119:17-27

### Man's Dominion in God's World

- 3—Sun. Man's Management. Gen. 1:24-31  
4—Mon. Man's Helpers. Gen. 2:18-24  
5—Tues. Greatness of God's World. Psa. 8  
6—Wed. God's Will for Man. Psa. 15  
7—Thurs. Man Needs Wisdom. Prov. 4:3-13  
8—Fri. Instructions for Leadership. Matt. 5:38-48  
9—Sabbath. Obedience to God. Deut. 6:4-14

### Does Scientific Knowledge Threaten Faith?

- 10—Sun. God the Source of Knowledge. Job 38:1-11  
11—Mon. Man Needs Humility. Job 42:1-6  
12—Tues. True Wisdom Is of God. Prov. 3:13-20  
13—Wed. Hold Fast Your Faith. Heb. 11:1-3, 39-12:2  
14—Thurs. God's Unchangeableness. Heb. 1:1-2, 10-12  
15—Fri. God's Time and Ours. 2 Pet. 3:3-13  
16—Sabbath. When Foolishness Is Wisdom. 1 Cor. 1:18-31

### Social Change: Work and Leisure

- 17—Sun. A Result of Sin. Gen 3:1-5, 17-19  
18—Mon. God's Plan for Rest. Ex. 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15  
19—Tues. Enjoyment in Work Itself. Ecc. 2:24-26; 3:10-14

- 20—Wed. As Servants of Christ. Col. 3:17-25  
21—Thurs. A Test of Our Activity. 1 Cor. 10:23-33  
22—Fri. A Sign of God. Ecc. 12:1-14  
23—Sabbath. A Day of Rest. Gen. 1:26-2:3

### The Battle for Men's Minds

- 24—Sun. Not by Cunning. Eph. 4:11-16  
25—Mon. Need To Be Redemptive. Eph. 4:25-32  
26—Tues. Think on Good Things. Phil. 4:4-9  
27—Wed. Temptation To Deceive. 2 Tim. 4:1-5  
28—Thurs. Use of the Tongue. James 3:1-2  
29—Fri. Able to Communicate. Rom. 15:14-21  
30—Sabbath. Wisdom from Above. James 3:13-18

### Sermons from Science

Christian Direction, Inc., is the organization carrying on the great testimony of the Sermons from Science Pavilion that has been continuing each summer at Montreal, Quebec, since the World's Fair at that place. This year labor troubles and other situations made it look like an impossibility for the pavilions to open.

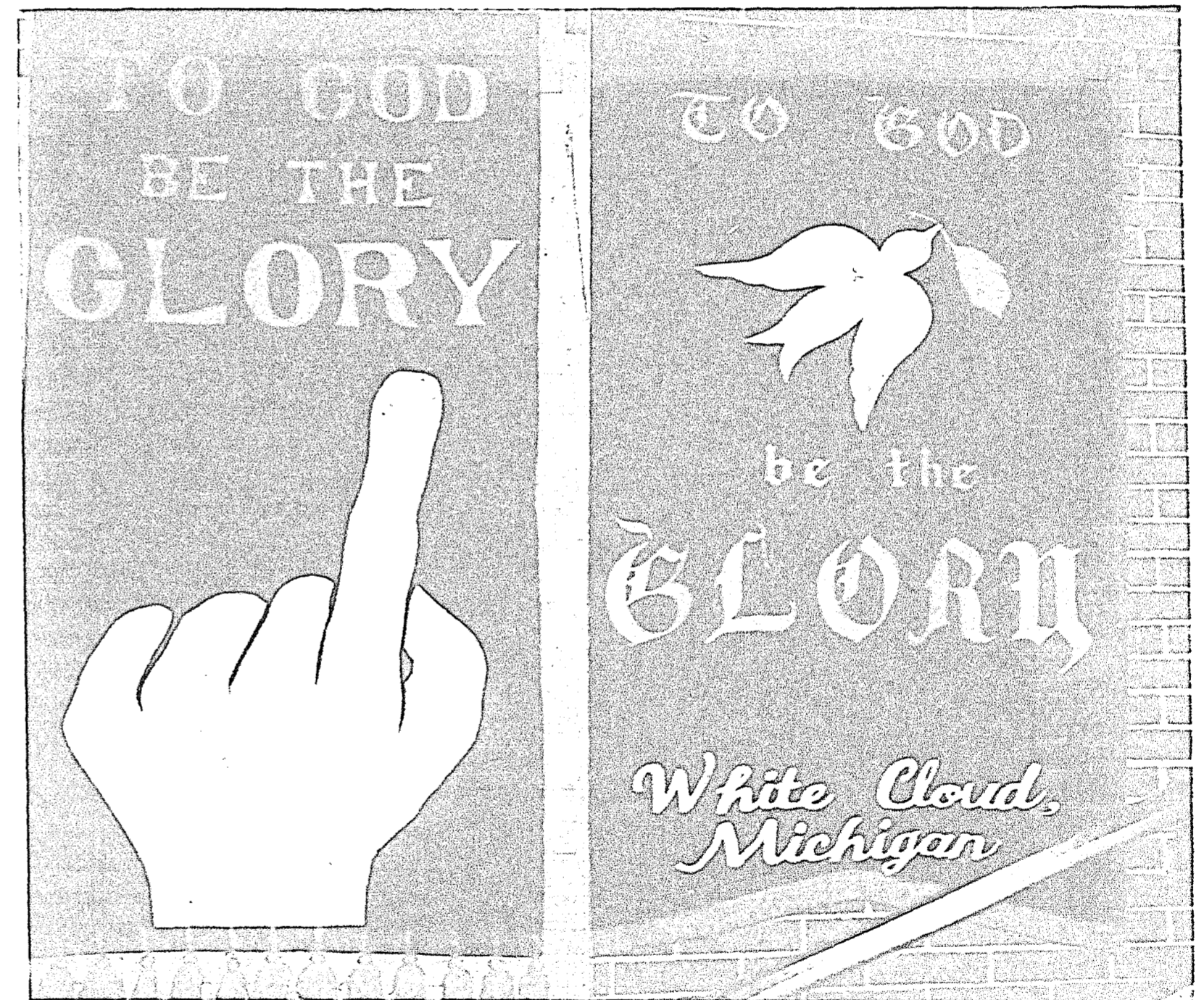
They worked and prayed and rested in the Lord through May and June. On June 25 Keith Price notes that he preached a sermon on Philippians 4:6-7 entitled "Careful for nothing, prayerful for everything, thankful for *anything*."

Not until July 3 did they receive word from Mayor Drapeau, who was sympathetic to their cause, that three of the four available (adjoining) theatres had been allocated to Sermons from Science.

It is suggested that Christians remind any of their friends who are vacationing near Montreal to visit this new pavilion and see the program that has proved so effective in helping people to see the relevance of Christ to this modern world. We may well pray for this good work. The mail address of Christian Direction and SFS is:

P.O. Box 602, Station B,  
Montreal 110, Quebec, Can.

—L.M.M.



### To God Be the Glory in All That We Do

The work of the women in their local societies was illustrated by the large banners displayed on the walls of the auditorium at the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Denver. Many added symbols and words to the year's theme as shown on the two pictured here. See story on page 5.

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## A Most Unusual Conference

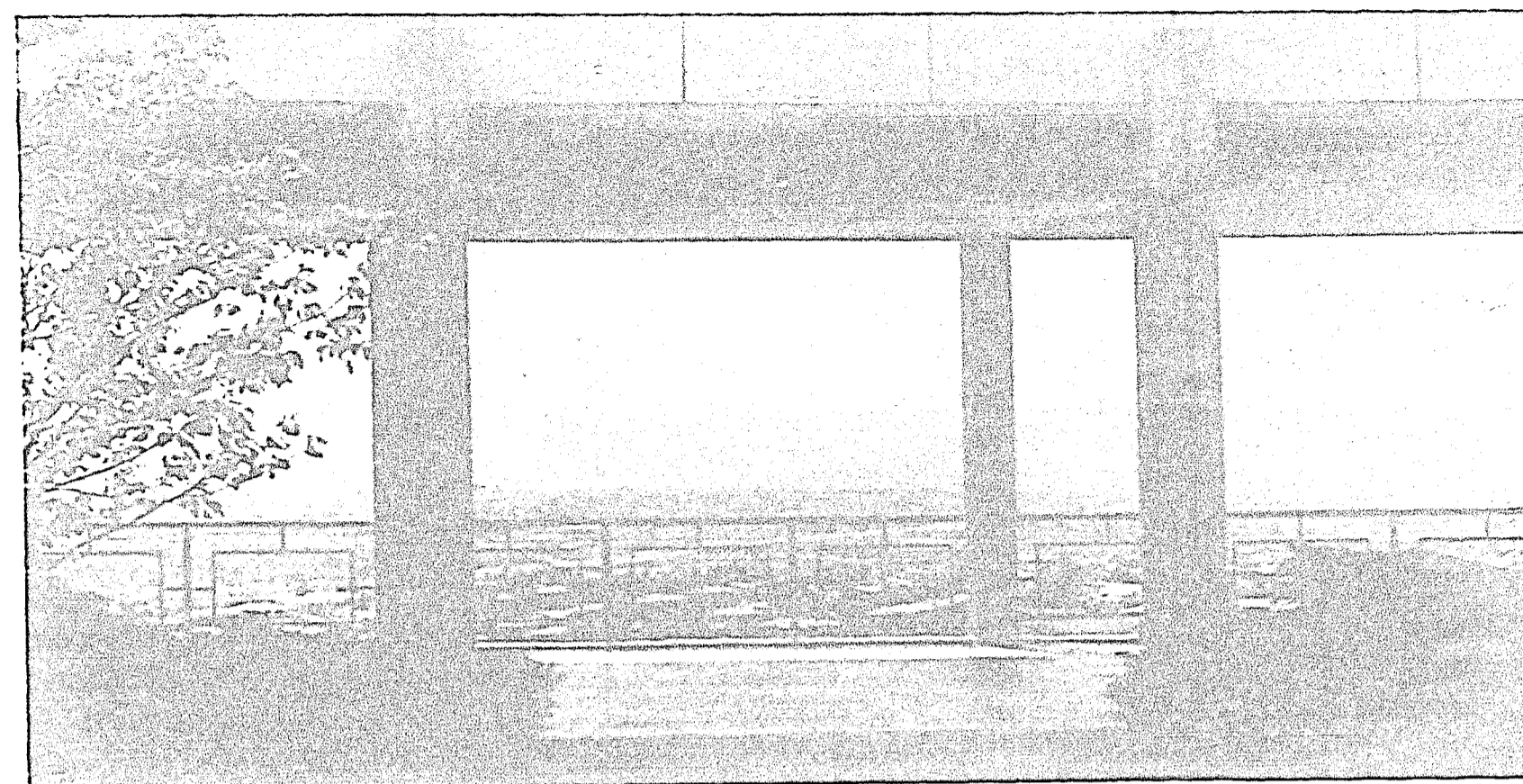
A common expression, somewhat cynical, is "If you have seen one you have seen them all." Sometimes that is said of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference which meets annually in different parts of the country. No one who was at Conference at Denver, August 6-12, could say that. This one was similar to others in the reports submitted and the routine business transacted. That is about where the similarity ends.

It is hard to describe the difference because much of it was in spirit and tone, things that were probably hoped for by the president, but which could not be fully conveyed ahead of time. The outline of the program tells little of the outworking of it or the thrilling experiences that came to so many.

We knew that it was to be an evangelistic Conference with three revival sermons. We did not know how uplifting the morning and evening song and worship services would be under the general supervision of evangelist Mynor Soper. There were testimonies each day of youth and adults who had found Christ and the Holy Spirit real to them in recent months. The theme "To God Be the Glory" frequently took the emphasis of "Praise the Lord."

This was a young people's Conference more than any in your editor's experience. Both Youth Pre-Con and Young Adult Pre-Con were larger than usual, perhaps larger than ever. It was not, however, the greater number of young people active on the program that made the difference. It was the greater unity and deeper spirituality of the majority of youth attending and participating. In times past the leadership has had to cope with youth who were problems. This time the youth in general were expressing or seeking deeper faith. Let me give an example.

After the closing session on the evening after the Sabbath a final youth meeting was set up or sprang up. It was to be a time of sharing in the lower lounge of the cafeteria building. Ray Boatman, guitarist and soloist, had charge of the microphone. About midnight two of us went to the room to pick up the public



By day and by night this breezeway between the library of Loretto Heights College which served as Conference headquarters and the Center of Performing Arts where all meetings were held was a popular place because of its broad view of the mountains and the hillside cross of lights in the distance.

address system. They had been trying to close the prayer and testimony session for nearly half an hour, we learned. It continued for at least another half hour. It would not have been surprising to find a score of dedicated youth in such a meeting, but to find 125 youth sitting on the floor or in available chairs and eager to express their love for Christ and their desire for the leading of the Holy Spirit was something to take note of.

Conference was not highly emotional but it was spiritual. It is hoped that the high levels of commitment voiced will continue in the months to come.

## New Secretary

Those who have stood with us in prayer for a suitable office assistant, as mentioned earlier in this journal, may be glad to know that at Conference in Denver, Jennifer Lewis, daughter of Phil and Jean Lewis of Riverside, Calif., accepted the position and will take up her duties soon after Labor Day. The young college graduate with secretarial experience will work half time with Secretary-Editor Leon M. Maltby and half time with Albert N. Rogers, president and librarian of the Historical Society.

## More of Conference To Come

In the next few issues we hope to bring more reports of important discussions and decisions of Conference. A few of the messages are at hand. Some excerpts will be taken from the tapes recorded by Calvin Babcock for the Tract Society. We do well to ponder the forward-looking plans announced or made at Denver.

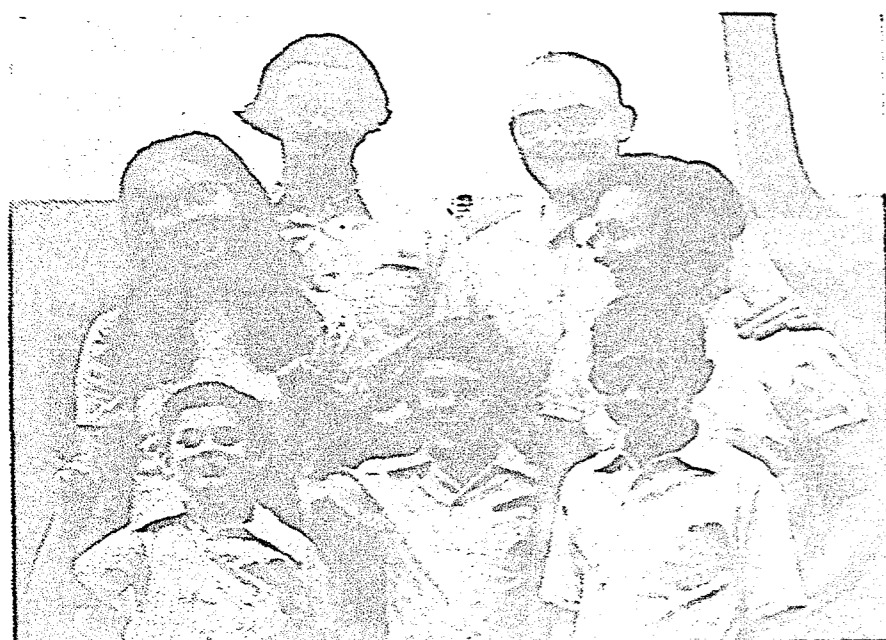
Those who would like to listen individually or in groups to portions of the Conference program may order tapes or cassettes of the portions desired from Calvin Babcock, R. D. 6, Box 173A, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118.

## Recorder Files

Librarians and others who keep files of the *Sabbath Recorder* are reminded again that we publish fifty issues per year. To give our production personnel a little vacation we omit two in August. If you have all but those that would have been dated August 19 and 26 your files are complete. Thank you for your cooperation and your faithfulness in renewing subscriptions before being reminded.

## The Opening of Conference

General Conference began on Monday morning, August 7, with a worship service far different from the formal services that have characterized many Conferences. It was conducted by young people fresh from worship experiences at Explo '72 and six weeks of dedicated service. Naturally, they imparted an enthusiasm in praising God. More will be said about the impact of these daily SCSC worship services as there is space. Suffice it to say that the first worship period struck a tone that President Osborn wanted to pervade this "To God Be the Glory" session of Conference.



President Paul Osborn and family. Karen and Phillip, upper left have given extended dedicated service.

Traditionally at such a gathering there must be an address of welcome and a response to that welcome when the gavel is struck at the first business meeting. Daryl White, as chairman of the Colorado Host Committee that had made detailed preparations for the convenience of guests and committees, graciously welcomed those in the well-filled theater auditorium. He did not mention the fact that this air-conditioned, well-equipped Performing Arts Center was one of the finest in all Denver and had been erected for the college a few years ago at a cost of about one and a half million dollars. This and the library next door plus the large cafeteria building nearby had been prepared and apportioned for all the needs. In

addition, rooms were assigned to pre-registered delegates in two comfortable dormitories of the large girls' college.

Responding to the welcome was the Rev. Francis D. Saunders of Westerly, R. I., chairman of Commission. His well-chosen words representing the thinking of many are reproduced here.

### *Response to Welcome*

Perhaps it is fitting that a native of the Mile-High City be granted the privilege of responding for Seventh Day Baptists to the welcome received in the place of his birth.

It is a sincerely appreciated privilege for me to say for Seventh Day Baptists that we have been looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to hours of "glorifying God" under the azure skies, framed with the majesty of towering rockies. A more beautiful setting has never been our privilege.

However it is neither the majesty of the mountains, nor the blue of the sky that fills us most in our anticipation. It is rather that we join together fully believing that we are to be overwhelmed by the glory of God.

It is therefore with gratitude and appreciation that we address ourselves to Loretto Heights and the 1972 Host Committee.

We have felt the sincerity of your welcome and respond in kind. We trust that the tone of our conversation, the conduct of our lives and the witness to our faith will be to the glory of God, so that you will want to say "Come again" and we may respond.

May the moments before us be rich, inspiring and mutually beneficial.

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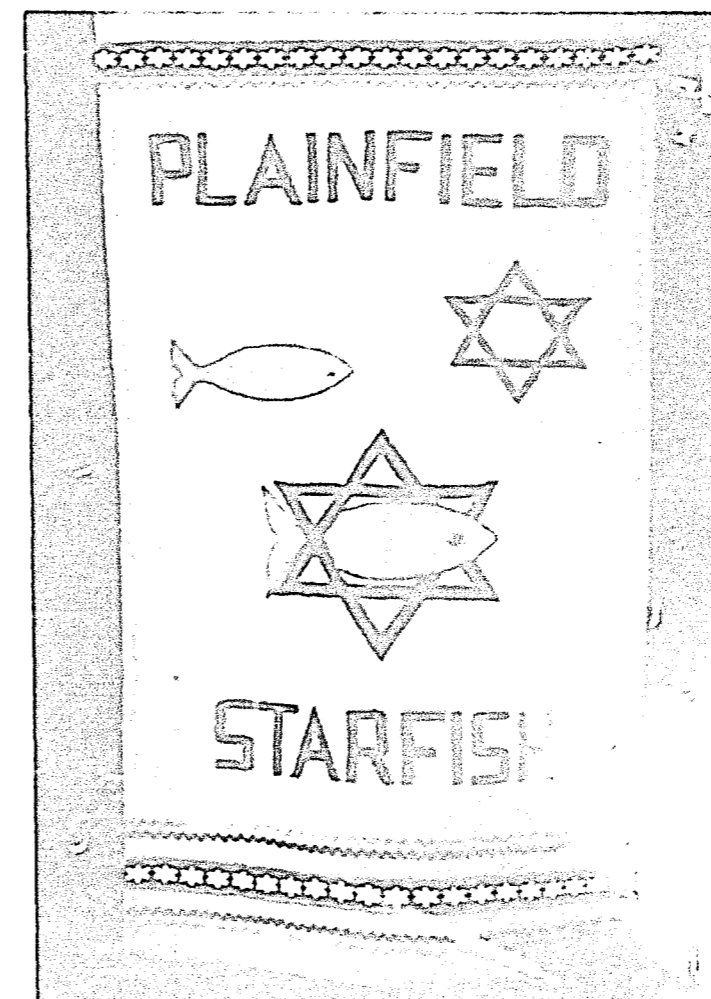
### MEMORY TEXT

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Psa. 24:3-4).

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## Conference Theme Dramatized by Banners

There was something new and dramatic introduced at the opening hour of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference that left its mark all through the Conference week. It was a parade of banners illustrating in one way or another, by the creative arts of many people, some aspect of the President's theme, "To God Be the Glory."



Preparation for this parade of banners had been made several weeks in advance and was evident by the care with which they were made. This was a project of the Women's Societies of all the churches. It was specified that the banners should be large, three feet wide and six feet long. The representatives of the ladies of the churches transported these well-designed banners to Denver where the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, in behalf of the president of the national Women's Society, prepared identical cords and standards by which they could be carried.

At a given signal, the ladies, completely hidden behind the six-foot banners, marched down one side aisle, across the broad platform, and around the auditorium of the theater, constantly keeping

the designs and inscription before the large audience. It was a moving spectacle which cannot be fully appreciated with one glance at so many message-filled flags. The walls of the theater, probably for acoustical reasons, were broken up with protruding bricks. In only a few moments of time, both walls of the theater were covered from front to back with these banners hung on the rows of protruding bricks. There they remained throughout the Conference week for further study and as a constant reminder of what the ladies of the various societies were doing to give glory to God.

Not all of the churches had sent banners, but the following churches were represented with one or two: Kansas City, Mo.; Shiloh, N. J.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Plainfield, N. J.; De Ruyter, N. Y.; Little Rock, Ark.; Albion, Wis.; Milton Junction, Wis.; Alfred, N. Y.; Nortonville, Kans.; Marlboro, N. J.; Boulder, Colo.; Salem, W. Va.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Ashaway, R. I.; Denver, Colo.; Lost Creek, W. Va.; Waterford, Conn.; Salemville, Pa.; Berlin, N. Y.; Dodge Center, Minn.; Verona, N. Y.; Hebron, Pa.; Little Genesee, N. Y.; and Pawcatuck, R. I.

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### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week Thank God for:

- 1) The new wind blowing during the sessions of our General Conference as evidenced by the testimonies and prayers of many.
- 2) The resolution of problems in committees and on the floor of Conference due to the desire to see not our own but the will of God done.
- 3) The frank and thoughtful discussion in some fifteen special committees of the things that will make for a more loving fellowship and greater local church growth.
- 4) The new Conference theme that stresses individual maturity in the Christian faith and life.

## The President's Reception

The annual Seventh Day Baptist General Conference officially begins on Monday morning and ends the evening after the Sabbath, but to a large number of those attending, it begins on Sunday afternoon when most of the people register, get settled in their rooms, and have their first organized fellowship together in the evening gathering that is sometimes called the President's Reception.

Appreciation for the Host Committee's choice of the campus of Loretto Heights College for the Conference session was heard on every hand when the visitors first arrived on campus and began to get organized. Denver is a great city, growing, we are told, at the rate of about 100,000 per year. With its ten suburbs it stretches some twenty-five miles from north to south and east to west. It is to the traveler a metropolitan island on a broad sea of waving grain just off-shore from a mountainous landfall. It is capable of developing its own industrial haze that at times shuts off the view of the foothills of the Rockies a few miles to the west. This was the situation the week before Conference when Commission was meeting at the new Seventh Day Baptist church in the western quarter of the city. But on Sabbath and Sunday the atmosphere cleared to present more typically clear weather in the mile-high city.

The view from Loretto Heights College in the southwest quadrant of the city on that first evening was magnificent. After driving through miles of heavy traffic, people appreciated the location. Although fronting on one of the busiest through streets the cluster of campus buildings stands isolated on a bluff with an open view to the south and the west. All this was pleasantly evident when hundreds of delegates assembled on the spacious patio of the dining building for the President's Reception early Sunday evening, August 6.

Seventh Day Baptists were enjoying a fellowship on the eve of the first day of denominational business. Nearly 200 young people and young adults were still carrying the glow of mountaintop expe-



riences at Pre-Conference retreats. They and the other guests at this social hour were relaxing prior to a week of committee work, business sessions, inspirational music, and messages. This was a time of meeting friends, old and new, and perhaps sharing some of the experiences that were recent or farther back.

As darkness descended there appeared against the dark background of the foothills a giant illuminated cross which had not been visible on previous evenings. It was a reminder of our common faith in Christ and of the purpose for which so many of like faith had come to Denver. We, like the psalmist, could look up unto the hills and exclaim, "From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth." The cross was a fitting emblem not only of our faith in His saving power, but of the unfinished task of evangelism to which we are called.

The president's reception was different this year in that it sought to give recognition to a large number of people rather than a few. It was organized and explained by the young minister, John Camenga of Dodge Center, Minn. His words of introduction, taken from a special bulletin for the occasion, follow:

"In recent years a great deal of interest has been aroused among Seventh Day Baptists by the Summer Christian Service Corps and other dedicated service ventures. Such efforts have been of significant value to the denomination. They have provided channels through which individuals have been used by the Holy Spirit in a variety of places and programs. They have given our young people as well

as our adults many opportunities for service which might have gone unfulfilled otherwise.

"The contribution of those who have given a period of days, weeks, or even a year or more in unpaid service to God through our denomination is highly significant. However, the rather dramatic quality of such service tends to overshadow other equally important, although less eye-catching, stewardship of time and talents.

"Dedicated service covers more than those who are able to give a block of time for concentrated work. Those who spend many hours each year to help in the work of our boards, societies, committees and councils are giving dedicated service. Those who carry the message of Christ to other parts of the world in the name of Seventh Day Baptists are giving dedicated service. Those who carry on the day-to-day business of the denomination while providing their livelihood from other jobs or at salaries far below what they would receive in secular work calling for the same skills, are giving dedicated service. While quiet and relatively undramatic, the service of these people is of very significant benefit to our work and witness.

"For this reason this president's reception seeks to honor all those who have invested their time and talents in the work of the Lord.

"It would be impossible to list and honor all such people. There are too many of them. For this reception a few have been asked to represent the many. As you greet the individuals being honored this evening, remember that they have been chosen not only for their own very real contributions to the Kingdom, but also because they stand symbolically for each of those who have given dedicated service to God."

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanford were asked to stand in the reception line to represent lay people who have given many hours of service over a number of years.

Representing those who have served in foreign mission work were the newly-returned missionaries to Malawi, the Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod.

Standing in "for ordained people who have served the denomination at considerable financial sacrifice" was the Rev. Leon M. Maltby.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Horsley of Denver accepted handclasps in behalf of all those who have served on Commission through the years.

President and Mrs. Paul B. Osborn of Nortonville, Kans., stood for those who have dedicated much service as president of Conference.

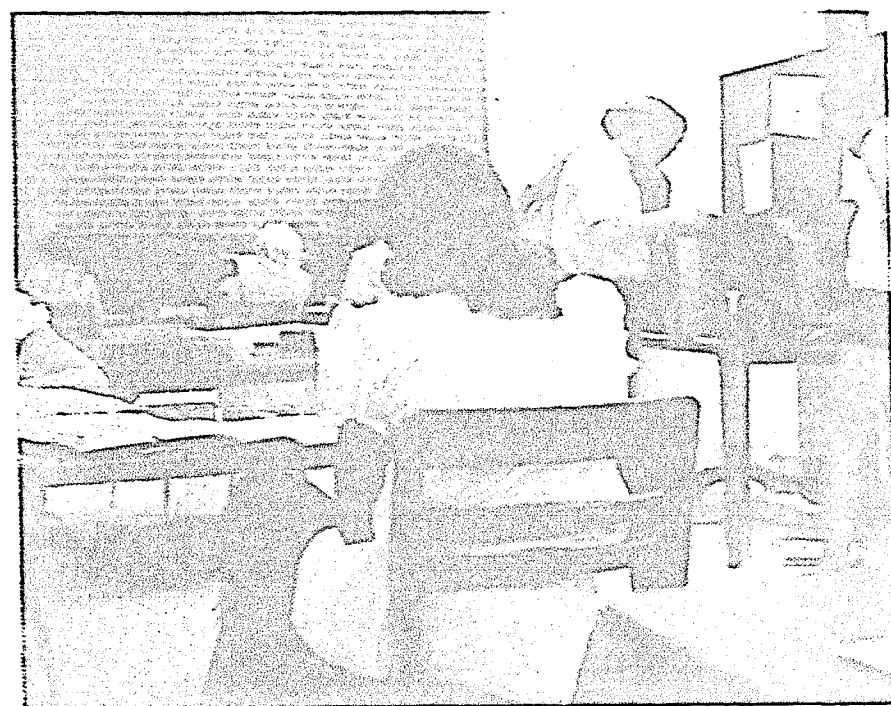
Those throughout the United States and the mission countries of the world who could not be present on this occasion, but have felt deep appreciation for the service rendered in the above categories can voice a prayer of thanksgiving and feel that they, too, have a part in the concept of recognition if not in all the joys of the fellowship hour.

## SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pictured in the *Milton Courier* of recent date were the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Randolph who celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 17 at the Cedar Crest Health Center where they now reside. They were married at Alfred, N. Y., on that date in 1907. They have lived in retirement at Milton, Wis., for a number of years. They served for many years in the pastorate at Milton Junction. Other Seventh Day Baptist pastorates included De Ruyter and Nile, N. Y.; and Berea, W. Va.

The Randolphs have three sons: Robert of Freeport, Ill.; Irwin of Boulder, Colo.; and Ivan of Milton Junction; and a daughter Caroline Gray of Milton. Their lives are also enriched by fourteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Friends called at their residence to wish the couple well on their anniversary. Former parishioners and friends may still send greetings. The address is 1700 South River Road, Janesville, Wis. Mention was made of the occasion at Conference by the president.



#### Conference Crier Office

One of the editors of the daily 6-10 page youth paper prepares copy as others type and operate the Gestetner duplicator.

#### Highlights of Conference

1. Dozens of decisions made during revival services Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.
2. Over fifty young people used free afternoon Thursday to go to Cinderella City shopping center to sing and witness to individuals.
3. Dynamic prayer groups (both planned and spontaneous) and countless individuals sharing faith one-to-one.
4. Youth plays — "The Great One" and "From Here to There."
5. Conference OWM offering totals \$14,587.44 as of 4:00 p.m. Conference Sabbath. Offering actually received at Conference Sabbath morning, \$7,411.
6. Ernest F. Bond, past recording secretary, is new first vice president. Rev. Oscar Burdick, co-pastor of Bay Area Church is other new Commission member.
7. Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students not in Plainfield area to be worked into the Center for Ministerial Training program including weekend institutes by September 1973.
8. Board of Christian Education and Tract Society to work together on plans for most effective and efficient publishing and youth ministries.
9. NCCC delegates to go to the General Board meeting with our 1970 Con-

ference-adopted statement on organization, but not instructed how to vote.

10. Key 73 interdenominational evangelistic program continued. Encourage emphasis in every local church. Individual churches benefit only as they become involved. Key 73 Sabbath to be promoted in 1972 and again in 1973.

11. BWA Day first Sabbath in February. Greater participation in BWA and NABF.

12. Robe of Achievement awarded Florence Bowden.

13. Conference goes to Milton, August 12-18, 1973. See you there!

14. Newly adopted budget over one-third of a million dollars means dedicated giving.

15. New SDB Manual of Procedure in print and available from Publishing House (\$1.50).

16. Orders being taken for Volume III *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, \$5.

17. At least two decisions for the ministry as a result of SCSC this summer.

18. Christian Social Action core committee moved to Battle Creek.

19. Local churches urged to provide health insurance for pastor.

20. Dedication of Camp Paul Hummel, pit roast, vespers by Young Adults.

21. Fabulous Conference choir under direction of Gary Cox.

22. Equally impressive music by Youth Pre-Con choir directed by Althea Rood.

23. Pacific Coast All-Stars won the second annual Jolly Volleyball Tournament.

24. *Lightbearers for Christ* in charge of evening music programs. Tremendous! and on and on and on and on—Praise the Lord!!

—Distributed at the close of Conference

#### The Printed Page Lives

As true today as when penned by Thomas Brooks in 1664: "Books may preach when the *author* cannot, when the *author* may not, when the *author* dares not; yea, and which is more, when the *author* is not."

#### Pre-Conference

#### Commission Meeting

The policymaking six-member Commission responsible to General Conference and acting in its behalf between sessions held its second week-long meeting July 30 to August 4 in the Denver church. At its close a report was mimeographed for the information and action of Conference delegates. Commission was efficiently chaired this year by the Rev. Francis Saunders. The new chairman will be the Rev. Paul B. Osborn, retiring president.

Commission studies nearly every issue that is for the good of the denomination and makes recommendations in a number of areas of concern including restructuring. This year there were recommendations referred to the Reference and Counsel and other committees on the following subjects: Ecumenical affairs (National and World Council), ecumenical conversations (other denominations), guidelines for the acceptance of non-Seventh Day Baptist ministers, health insurance for pastors (local church), nonrecognition or accreditation of pastors and churches outside the United States, Memorial Fund information, IRS registration of Associations, the joint board employment of a publishing secretary, and the location (Milton) of the next session of Conference. Major consideration was given to other matters on which no recommendations were made. The final recommendation was the adoption of the 1973 OWM budget which had been carefully prepared.

Since most of these recommendations deserve separate treatment and some were amended by Conference action we shall not attempt to reproduce here the report as a whole. Honor and thanks should be given the five men and one woman who have given their best at considerable sacrifice to the Seventh Day Baptist cause through the year. That all may catch the spirit of the body we quote the introduction and concluding paragraph of the report.

#### Commission Report

#### Introduction

As Seventh Day Baptists gather together in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains we are reminded of the words of the psalmist: "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills." Like him, the Commission would testify that "our help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

As we have met in the "Queen City" and again in the "Mile High City," we have been striving to the "Glory of God" to face the many issues which are the concern of Seventh Day Baptists across the nation.

We anticipate a continued realization of more effective witness, dedicated service and spiritual growth. We feel that steps have been taken in the right direction toward interagency cooperation, evangelistic outreach and commitment to the cause of Christ.

We would echo the words of previous Commission in expressing gratitude for our general secretary, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. We are appreciative of his vision, his dedication and efficiency in a many-sided ministry.

#### Conclusion

We would submit this report with the realization that the many challenges and opportunities before us can only be met as we seek for divine guidance. With faith in God and a continuing commitment to His calling we would like to quote from the words of our general secretary: "We are confronted anew with the arrestive reminder that *the future is upon us*. This is the *urgent now* . . . 'Let us work while it is yet day, for the night will soon come when man shall work no more.' With faith, hope, and love let us rededicate our skills and talents and as good stewards, let us 'look unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith!'"

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys H. Drake, Milton, Wis.  
 J. Paul Green, Salem, W. Va.  
 Edward J. Horsley, Denver, Colo.  
 Paul B. Osborn, Nortonville, Kans.  
 Francis D. Saunders, Westerly, R. I., chmn.  
 Stephen Thorngate, Monterey, Calif.

## Accepts Call to Riverside



Don and Eleanor Phillips at the president's reception

The Rev. Don I. Phillips has accepted a call to become full-time pastor as of July 29, 1972, of the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was a member of the Riverside church in his youth, attended Pacific Pines Camp and worked in Christian Endeavor. He attended Alfred University for a time and took some work in the Alfred Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Houghton College in New York and took graduate work in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1951 while serving the First Baptist Church in Tujunga, Calif.

Pastor Phillips was in Brazil ten years organizing Youth for Christ there, which is still a flourishing organization. He also organized the World Gospel Crusades, which is for the purpose of furnishing correspondence lessons for new converts as a follow-up program and was carried out by the Brazilians under his leadership. More than 10,000 people went through the course. He published two books in Portuguese, "How To Overcome" and "Know Your Enemy," which were circulated in Brazil. A number of tracts were written and published.

Pastor Phillips' partner in the Brazilian work, Jean Pierce Phillips, was called to her heavenly home following their return to the United States. A year later he lost his nineteen-year-old son, David.

Pastor Phillips has worked in various

churches in the Los Angeles area, and his last pastorate of five years was in a Baptist church in Coueur d'Alene in northern Idaho. He married Eleanor Moser, a native of Southern Idaho, who had lost her husband several years previously. To make a life together in Christian service has been their aim. Mrs. Phillips is a pianist and organist, having served as church organist in the Idaho parish. Together they have six daughters, one of whom, Linda, a high school senior, expects to be with them in Riverside.

The Riverside church is anticipating going forward in a worthwhile program under the leadership of Pastor Phillips.

## In Memoriam of Leaders

Our denominational annual Conference is a time of evaluation and of future planning; it looks back before it looks forward, for the present is a product of the past and the future is predicted on what has had a previous beginning. Part of the past that must be duly recognized is the service of those who, as we like to reflect, "have laid down their burdens," since last we met. It has become customary for the Committee on Obituaries to make a report listing a few statistics about the pastors, pastors' wives, deacons and deaconesses who have passed on to their rewards during the year and to have a spoken prayer of tribute as the assembled delegates stand.

The very first order of business in 1972, following the enthusiastic worship service that opened the session, and the first Bible study, was this tribute. The Obituary Committee, headed by Madge Coon, widow of the Rev. Ralph H. Coon, had gathered from the *Sabbath Recorder* the names of the departed servants. The material on each was fittingly assigned to an equal number of young people. The brief recognition for one pastor, two widows of pastors, and several deacons and deaconesses belonged at the beginning, so the president thought. The extemporaneous prayer of the Rev. Delmer Van Horn was recorded and is printed here in order that all our readers may enter

into the spirit of giving glory to God for the service of those who have been transferred to service above.

In these minutes, Father, as we look backward for the moment we remember that all things are good and that the memories that so many of us have of these people strengthen us for the years to come. We remember the examples that they set; we remember the love that they showed; we remember the patience that many showed.

We would bring our praise this morning, Father, for these who made it possible for others to know you, the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, and to see an example of the right way to live. Thank You for the great heritage that is ours of these and others that have gone before. Father, we pray that the inspiration gained from these people may speak to the many who have known them in such a way that their lives may be more consecrated; that their lives may be strengthened and that they may show joy and the way of life to channel to others as a result of these experiences. To Thee, O God be the glory. In Jesus name, we pray.

## Attendance at Conference

Denver, Colorado, is far to the west of the center of gravity of Seventh Day Baptists in the United States, but the attendance was unusually high. The efficient Host Committee announced on the first evening that there were 535 delegates and visitors already registered — a much larger pre-registration than usual. On Thursday, when the Credentials Committee reported, the number had increased to 560. Of these 391 were counted as official delegates from forty-one churches. The number of pastors and ministers present was thirty-nine. Junior High, Junior, and Primary Conferences totalled sixty-four — not unusually large. Attendance at Youth Pre-Con was 133 with a staff of sixteen. Young Adult Pre-Con numbered forty with eleven on the staff.

East and West met in large numbers at Denver. The Riverside, Calif., church



President chats with 1 from Seattle, Wash., and 3 from Shiloh, N. J.

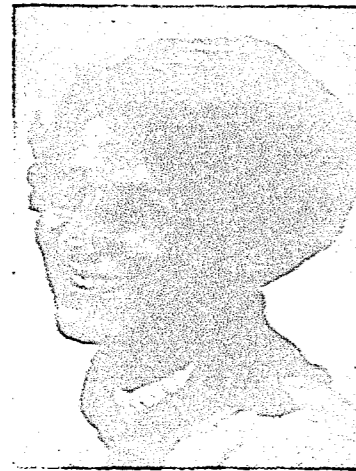
noted that it had thirty-five representatives, and the Shiloh, N. J., pastor counted thirty-six of his members present. All the churches of the Pacific Coast were well represented. Some of the Eastern and Southeastern churches had fewer delegates than usual. Quite a few had none.

It could be observed that the Conference was lacking in retired pastors and those who are not fully supported in their work. Out of eleven on the retired list only Grover Brissey of Maryland was registered. A few ministers unable to attend sent greetings. There were also greetings from several ministers in other national Seventh Day Baptist Conferences.

It is one thing to count registrations and another thing to compare that number with the number actually present throughout the program. The relation was good. Particularly well attended were the early morning worship and Bible study programs and the evening revival meetings. Committee assignments were apparently taken seriously by both old and young.

One afternoon was left open for mountain excursions and a pit roast supper at Camp Paul Hummel above Boulder. This drew an attendance of 350. It was under the direction of the Rev. Elmo Randolph. The occasion concluded with a worship service in the evening at Lookout Point and dedication of the new buildings and facilities largely financed by the Memorial Fund.

**Semiannual  
Report  
of  
Elizabeth  
Maddox, R.N.**



I bring you greetings from Malawi and respectfully submit the following report:

1. Since January, a translator (usually Pastor Mataka) and I have visited a total of seven churches to hold two hour classes in public health principles. The material has been basic sanitation, nutrition, and disease processes. The response has been favorable, with groups numbering twenty-two to sixty-six people each visit. The project was begun on the assumption that something would be built on this foundation we were building in the near future. Originally the plan was for more than one visit to each area, and hope is still alive for some in August. But, realistically, we know without funds and trained people our mission cannot adequately keep up what has been started.

Malawi does have an eleven week course to teach lay village people to do this job of public health teaching. The government pays the person the community has chosen for training, for a short time and the community is then expected to assume this responsibility. This person is a full-time worker and very much worth the money he earns, (about K20 a month). But even if finding such a person cannot become a reality for us, we still see our village visits as profitable. Under-five baby clinics are springing up more and more and are focusing on the same areas as our classes. Health education is mandatory in all schools, and the seed planted by our talks may be watered by some child's conversations at home about his own classes.

2. We have been holding training classes also for our own medical staff, particularly on how to teach public health.

In March, a five-day "leadership training" course was held. The classes covered communication (Pastor Mataka gave this in Chichewa), how to research and plan a lesson (by Melody Glass, matron at Malamulo Hospital), how to make a lesson more interesting and effective with visual aids (myself), and the importance of record keeping and finances (by Pastor Conrod). The lesson on lesson-planning and visual aids was attended by over fifty of Pastor W. Mataka's church members also. We hope in the future Mataka can be more effective through our medical staff by their ability to teach public health, not only in clinics here, but perhaps reaching out into the surrounding villages.

Without a doctor or nurse here I, personally, see Makapwa's future as only a clinic, small maternity and even smaller hospital. But Makapwa can be more than that if the people here see the vision of public health teaching. They don't need a doctor or nurse for that — they need materials, information, and imagination. After village and domestic classes for the last ten months an adequate supply of teaching aids has been accumulated for our staff's use, along with several worthwhile books and pamphlets in this area, contributed by the Malawi Ministry of Health. So, the only element that is needed is imagination.

3. For the last school semester I've had the privilege of being a sponsor of our local Sabbath youth group. Made up almost entirely of boarding boys, we are given a precious opportunity to experience our Lord with some very enthusiastic boys. Several Sabbaths ago they performed the Christmas story Malawian style to the local church. Christ was African, the wisemen, businessmen from Blantyre, etc. It was entertaining, yes, but the universal meaning of Christ's coming was very well expressed by this rendition in Chichewa.

4. My most exciting activity of late is the setting up of a school library. Since the nearest one is twenty miles from Makapwa, Malawi Library Service is willing to loan us, for three month periods, over 200 books at a time for this purpose. Reference books will be on permanent

loan. The school has been trying successfully, without much funds, to upgrade her buildings and grounds. The science building is nearing completion and school children have accomplished much towards digging and carrying fill-dirt to give themselves a larger play area. Much is still needed in the area of teaching aids, but we feel the library is a giant step towards better education here at Makapwa.

Much love and prayers are with your committees as you work toward the Lord's goals in your forthcoming meetings.

**Executive Vice-President  
Makes Quarterly Report**

The past quarter has been a busy one with fifty-one of the ninety-one days spent away from the office. We are grateful to the Lord for His mercies as we traveled and served on the field and for those — Everett T. Harris and Helen Waite — who have carried on the necessary day-by-day routine work at home.

The third Area Spiritual Retreat, at Nortonville, Kansas, proved as helpful as the previous two to those in attendance. While in the area the Sabbath was spent in Kansas City and a meeting was held with the church leaders discussing their new missionary pastor arrangements to begin July 1, when Pastor Harold King was to arrive.

En route home a brief visit to Euless, Texas, allowed understanding of the arrangement for Summer Christian Service Corps training and opportunity to spend a weekend with the Little Rock church and counsel on their continued work under our missionary pastor plan.

The training session for SCSC was directed June 6-12 and 18, 19. A Missionary Society booth was planned, set up, and manned, with the help of Rev. and Mrs. Mynor G. Soper, Miss Florence Bowden, and the Rev. David S. Clarke, during EXPLO '72, June 12-17. Several new contacts were made with Sabbathkeepers during these days.

One day was spent in Plainfield teach-

ing the history of Seventh Day Baptist missions to those in the Summer Institute classes at the Center for Ministerial Education.

From Texas I went to Wisconsin to speak five times at the Albion church and once at Milton Junction. Interest was good and we trust the Word will bear fruit in many hearts. Nearly a week was spent in New Auburn visiting in homes and speaking three times. Slides taken at SCSC training and EXPLO '72 were shared, as was the KEY 73 filmstrip. Contact was made with an independent Sabbathkeeping group at Cameron, Wis., and a message was brought there Sabbath afternoon.

Meetings of the African Interests and American Tropics Committees, the Ministerial Retirement Committee and the Executive Committee of the S.D.B. World Federation have been attended. In addition, time has allowed consultation with the Victor Burdicks, John Conrods, Wayne Crandalls and Frankie Davis on our missionary work in Africa and Jamaica. Correspondence and a telephone call shared our interest and help for the David Pearsons who returned for a fourth term in Malawi late in June.

It was necessary to leave for pre-Conference meetings July 26 and thus I regret missing the quarterly board meeting.

Reports, budget figures, and necessary correspondence, as well as *Recorder* articles have helped round out a busy quarter. We thank all for their prayer support in these days.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon R. Lawton

July 30, 1972



**International C. E. Convention  
To Be Held in U. S. A.**

Speakers for the evening mass meetings of the Fifty-second International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Evansville, Indiana, July 2-6, 1973, are now announced by the Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the international society.

Giving the keynote message Monday, July 2, when it is expected more than 2,200 young people from North America will attend, will be the Rev. James DiRaddo of New York City, director of the Manhattan Christian Youth Service, Inc. This outstanding youth worker has spoken in high school assemblies, conducted youth sponsor workshops, and assisted pastors in developing an effective youth program in local congregations throughout the United States.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, Lutheran Hour speaker, will address the convention Tuesday. The world-renowned radio preacher has served his church for more than thirty years as parish pastor, college professor, film production adviser, and public relations executive.

The Gold Room of the Vanderburgh Convention Center will be the setting of the traditional convention banquet Wednesday evening. The Rev. Ralph E. Robrahn, pastor of the Bayshore Gardens Reformed Church, Bradenton, Fla., will be the master of ceremonies and the program will feature winners of the Albert H. Diebold Christian Youth Witness Awards Program sponsored by the International Society.

Thursday night's speaker will be Dr. Charlie W. Shedd, the energetic director of the Christian Writers Council. This Presbyterian pastor has authored eleven books and fifty magazine articles. He receives a constant barrage of requests to lecture on family life.

The Friday closing session will feature Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, president of Tyndale House Publishers and author of the Living Bible. Dr. Taylor began paraphrasing the Bible in an effort to hold the interest of his ten children during

daily devotions. He spent fourteen years completing this work.

Convention singing will be led by Bernie Smith, youth worker of Barrie, Ontario, with Robert J. Irvine of Evansville at the organ and Ernest Mitchell of Washington, D. C., at the piano. A local convention choir will provide special music.

**Obituaries**

**ROBINSON.**— Maurice J. was born March 26, 1900, at Bellevue, Mich., and died in the Riverside Community Hospital, July 17, 1972, following surgery and a brief stay in the hospital.

He had been a resident of Riverside for over fifty years and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church. His wife preceded him in death by four months after twenty-five years together. He was the stepfather of the Rev. Don I. Phillips of Riverside; Mrs. Bonnie Floren of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Frances Smith, Carson City, Nev.; Mrs. Lois Russell and Mrs. Phyllis Bunch of Van Nuys. He is also survived by one sister and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Milton Palmer at the Simons Mortuary Chapel with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside.

—Maleta Curtis

**SHOLTZ.**— Deacon Craig L., son of Joseph and Effie Davis Sholtz, was born May 7, 1899 in Des Moines, Iowa, and died at his home in rural Verona, N. Y., June 29, 1972.

He moved with his parents to Nortonville, Kansas, as a small boy, where he graduated from high school. That same year he moved to the Verona area where he spent the remainder of his life as a successful farmer and dairyman.

In 1927 he married Marion Williams and to this union were born two daughters: Mrs. Clayton (Leora) Pinder of Media, Pa., and Mrs. Thomas (Janice) Swerediuk of Verona; two sons, Gerald and Loren also of Verona. Surviving also are ten grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. La Verne Davis of Verona and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby of Plainfield, N. J.; and two brothers: Raymond of Milton, Wis., and Floyd of Oneida, N. Y. Another brother, Claude preceded him in death.

Craig was ordained a deacon in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist church in 1929 and has served faithfully and with dedication since that time, contributing also to the spiritual welfare of the church as Sabbath School superintendent and teacher and in many other ways was a tireless worker for God and the church.

Funeral services were held in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist church and burial in the New Union Cemetery, Verona Mills.

—L. W. B.

**OUR WORLD MISSION**

**OWM Budget Receipts for July 1972**

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'	
	July	7 mos.	7 mos.		July	7 mos.	7 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY ..S	161.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 60.00	Milton Jct WI ..	206.00	662.80	10.00	
Albion WI .....		371.50	115.00	Monterey CA ....		269.60		
Alfred NY .....	502.65	3,321.20	175.00	New Auburn WI ..	55.40	502.84	100.19	
Alfred Sta NY ...	135.50	1,287.50	20.00	New Milton WV ..	50.00	315.06		
Ashaway RI .....		2,004.50	160.00	New Orleans LA ..		5.00		
Assns & Groups	267.60	702.75	1,694.00	North Loup NB ..	541.55	1,741.55	10.00	
Battle Creek MI ..	343.39	2,656.01	310.00	Nortonville KS ..	30.00	1,277.50	110.00	
Bay Area CA .....	125.00	465.00		Ohio Fellowship..	20.00	140.00	120.00	
Berea WV .....		283.70	20.00	Paint Rock AL ..		260.00	50.00	
Berlin NY .....	80.00	767.16	45.00	Plainfield NJ ....		2,415.11	499.50	
Boulder CO .....	66.68	695.58	70.00	Putnam Cnty FL ..				
Brookfield NY .....	166.50	294.50	50.00	Richburg NY ....	148.00	856.74	105.00	
Buffalo NY .....	200.00	270.00	10.00	Riverside CA ....	500.00	3,500.00	80.00	
Chicago IL .....		555.00	20.00	Roanoke WV .....				
Daytona Beach FL ..		860.00	266.00	Rockville RI .....	69.25	363.00	20.00	
Denver CO .....	473.98	2,364.58	115.00	Salem WV .....	342.50	2,176.50	155.00	
De Ruyter NY .....	120.00	304.50	10.00	Salemville PA ....	50.00	433.00		
Dodge Ctr MN .....	530.40	1,806.25	40.00	Schenectady NY ..		23.60	30.00	
Farina IL .....		201.25	20.00	Seattle WA .....	50.00	409.00	10.00	
Fouke AR .....	40.00	120.00	10.00	Shiloh NJ .....	1,556.15	6,755.18	150.00	
Hammond LA .....		50.00		Stonefort IL .....		115.00	55.00	
Hebron PA .....	70.00	527.89	55.00	Syracuse NY .....		150.00	15.00	
Hopkinton RI .....		65.00	30.00	Texarkana AR ....	20.00	40.00	20.00	
Houston TX .....	91.00	201.00	100.00	Verona NY .....	207.00	1,053.72	70.00	
Independence NY ..	21.75	305.85	60.00	Walworth WI .....	200.00	760.00	50.00	
Individuals .....		419.00	536.81	Washington DC ..		815.50	130.00	
Irvington NJ .....	460.00	1,560.00		Washington				
Jackson Ctr OH ..				People's DC ....			10.00	
Kansas City MO ..	76.00	411.00	10.00	Waterford CT ....	238.27	1,571.99	180.00	
Leonardsville NY ..	95.00	266.00		Westerly RI .....	1,660.00	5,000.00	180.00	
Little Genesee NY ..	98.00	1,159.48	30.00	White Cloud MI ..		391.40	20.00	
Little Rock AR ..		156.88	20.00					
Los Angeles CA ...	350.00	3,082.32	172.00	Totals	\$11,881.49	\$70,132.85	\$7,475.50	
Lost Creek WV ..		500.00	107.00	Non-Budget	245.51			
Marlboro NJ .....	568.72	2,419.08	200.00	Total		\$12,127.00		
Metairie LA .....				To Disburse	\$12,127.00			
Milton WI .....	894.20	7,313.27	765.06					

**JULY DISBURSEMENTS**

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 1,018.83
Historical Society .....	7.72
Ministerial Education .....	401.36
Ministerial Retirement .....	1,083.23
Missionary Society .....	5,013.78
Tract Society .....	1,448.33
Trustees of General Conference .....	61.75
Women's Society .....	249.50
World Fellowship & Service .....	346.99
General Conference .....	2,495.51
	<u>\$12,127.00</u>

**SUMMARY**

1972 Budget .....	\$162,050.00
Receipts for seven months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$70,132.85
Boards	7,475.50
	<u>77,608.35</u>
To be raised by December 31, 1972	\$ 84,441.65
Percentage of year elapsed .....	58.3%
Percentage of budget raised .....	52.1%
Seven months:	
Due .....	\$ 94,529.19
Raised .....	77,608.35
Arrears .....	16,920.84

Gordon Sanford  
OWM Treasurer



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Flood Victims Helped

When a flood rolls across a portion of the Southern tier of Western New York State it would be strange if it did not catch quite a few Seventh Day Baptists or their friends and relatives. The flood waters associated with hurricane Agnes did affect many of our friends and relatives in that area.

The Marlboro, N. J., people felt a call to help out because a family close to their hearts lost everything. It was the Ed Dillon family. Betty Dillon was Betty Bivins, sister of Barbara Bivins Froding who served as a missionary nurse in Malawi for several years.

An appeal went out through the Marlboro-Shiloh area which drew a compassionate response. According to the Shiloh bulletin, Sabbath School classes made gifts and individuals contributed goods. On July 28, Ray and Barbara Froding transported the gift of money and goods and household items to those flood victims who had escaped with only their lives. The cash gifts totaled \$1,300. One family gave a good used car which was put in condition by local men and was greatly appreciated by the Dillon family. Love and concern can bridge the hundreds of miles separating the two communities and can make people realize that they are not forgotten by their church friends.

In another portion of the flood area, Portville, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Nina Traver) Wilson had seventeen feet of water in their house. The loss was not quite as tragic for this family because they were about to move to Garland, Texas, where Harry is employed. The Red Cross provided food and clothing and

the Small Business Administration loan of \$3,000 will help them to replace their furniture at their Texas address. Nina has had some theological training and has preached occasionally at her home church of Little Genesee, N. Y. The letter accompanied her *Sabbath Recorder* renewal.

## Philippine Flood Damage

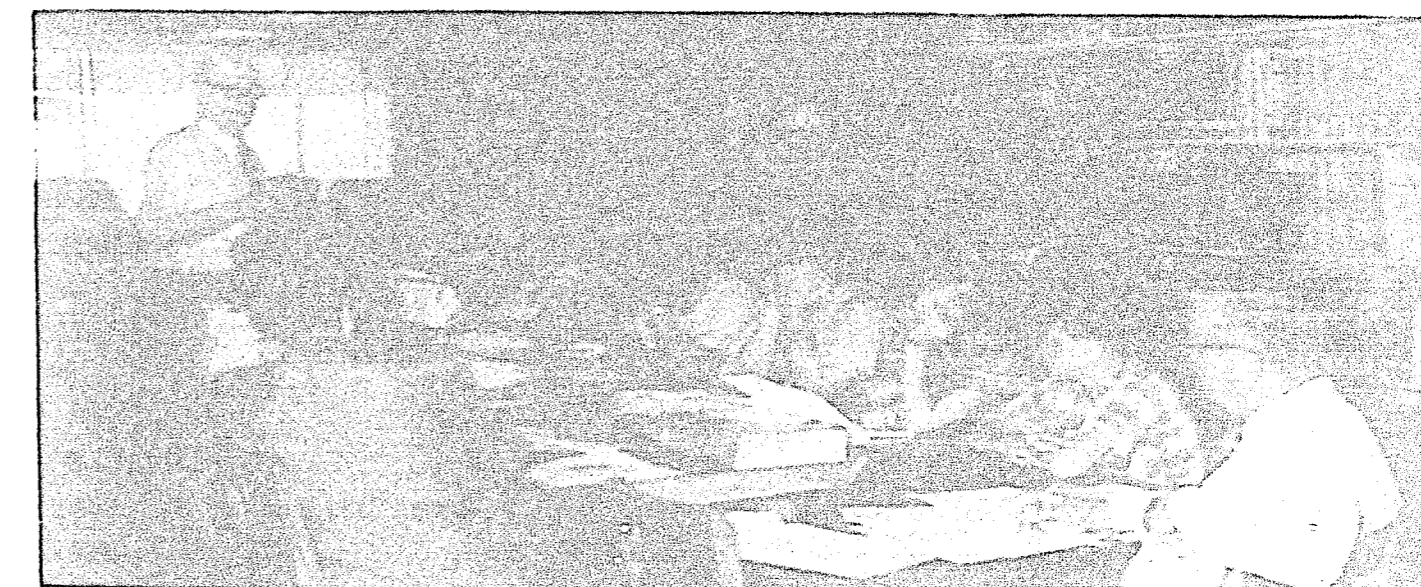
Flood damage on various parts of the island of Luzon in early August was severe. Reports of loss of life and property as well as heroic rescue and rehabilitation efforts are told by Baptist reporters, though of course the floods were no respecters of persons or denominations in the predominantly Catholic country. Initial reports told of 427 deaths.

In the hill country of Baguio City land slides swept away three story buildings housing 80 to 100 people. Dwelling houses were sheered in half in the early morning catastrophe. Some churches withstanding the flood became rescue centers. During July there was an unprecedented rainfall of 188 inches at Baguio City.

A Bible woman of the Baptist church made her way in the afternoon to the top of the hill which was only a precipice after the disastrous landslide. She wanted to visit the house of a young mother to whom she had witnessed only a week before. The house was gone. The real tragedy was that the young mother had said, "We'll talk again—not now."

## Correction

There was a typographical error on page 6 of the August 12 issue, paragraph two. Please cross out the "not" to make the president's sentence read, "Christ did condemn the Pharisical attitude . . . ."



Most of the decisions of the SDB General Conference were worked out in such committees as these: top, Youth Work, Ralph Mackintosh; Communications, Victor Skaggs; Nominations, Edwin Johnson