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### Non-profit Papers Fight for Survival

Religious, veterans and fraternal organizations are battling side by side with the trade union movement to persuade Congress to roll back the exorbitant mail rate increases which the Postal Service has imposed on non-profit publications.

Witnesses before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee recently included George M. Wilson, managing editor of *Decision* magazine, the publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; and James F. O'Neil, publisher of the *American Legion Magazine*. Labor's statement was submitted by Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO Legislative Director.

*Decision*, according to Wilson is the largest religious periodical in the United States. More than 4 million copies are mailed each month. Said Wilson:

"Where the increase in postal rates will result in the cessation or limitation of the mailing of religious material, the exercise of religious freedom is taxed, whatever it might otherwise be labeled."

Speaking for the Legion O'Neil testified that the postal rate increase for non-profit publications is "the most serious financial problem" the Legion publication has ever faced. "We believe it is inequitable, unfair and unjust," he said.

Biemiller warned that some trade union publications already have been suspended as a result of the postal rate increase. As it moves up in annual steps to 750 per cent above the rates charged in 1971 more publications will be suspended or curtailed.

"Basically, we now look to the Con-

gress to restore the concept that the Postal Service has failed to grasp—that the freest possible exchange of ideas and information is of paramount importance in a democratic society," Biemiller said.

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

#### General Sees No Conflict

General Ralph E. Haines, Jr., commanding general, U. S. Continental Army Command, told a chapel audience at Hardin-Simmons University that he had been "baptized in the Holy Spirit" and since had become "deeply and joyfully associated with spirit-filled Christians of all denominations."

"I find no incompatibility between my faith as a Christian and my duty as a soldier, said Gen. Haines, an Episcopalian. "I have no apologies for my profession — it is a noble one, one which demands the services of dedicated, God-fearing men and women.

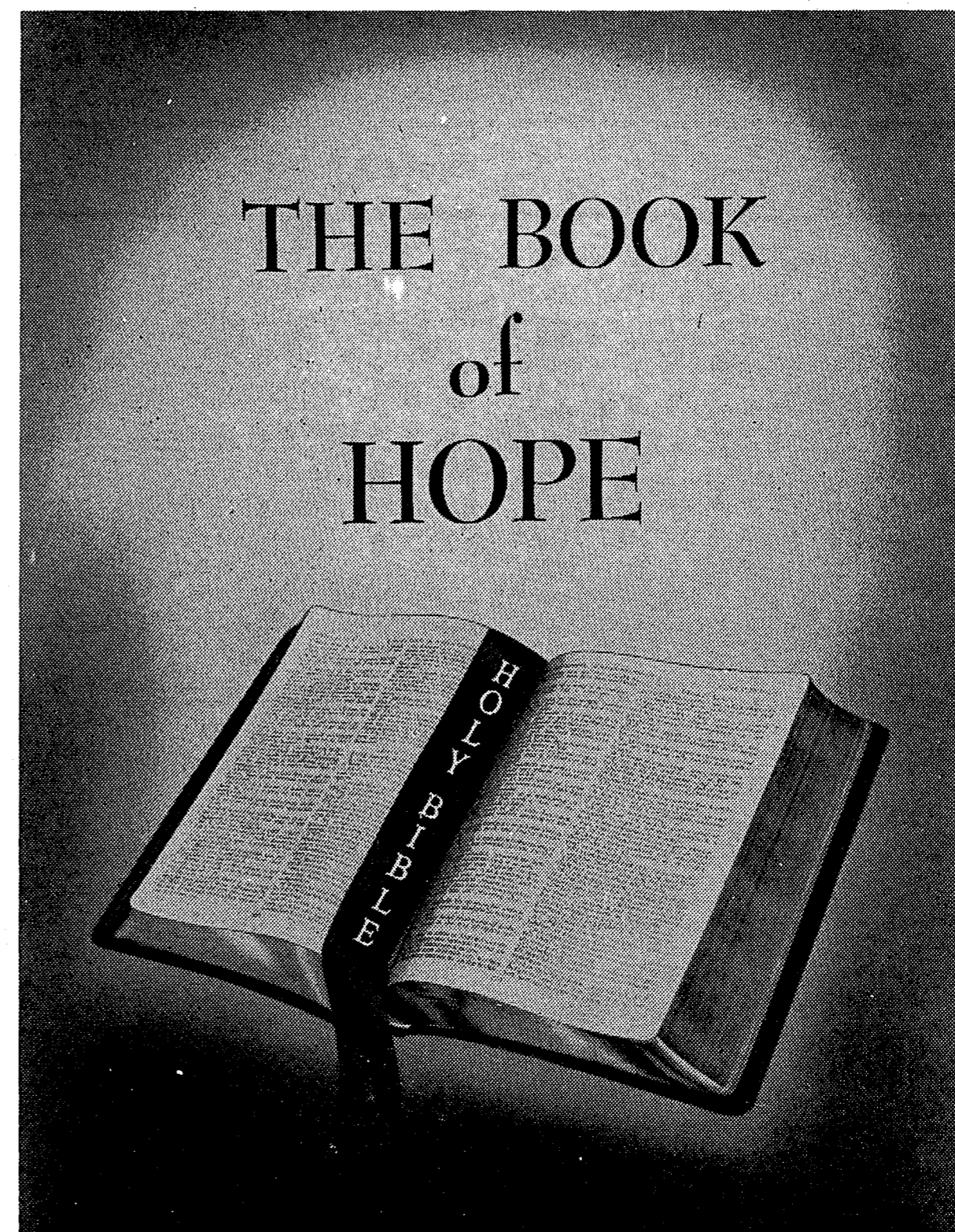
"As a people, we are dedicated to the cause of peace," he added. "I join with you in hoping that we'll soon have a just and honorable peace in Southeast Asia.

"But we must bear in mind that we are today opposed by an ideology which denies God and avows its ultimate intent to impose its political thought and its economic concepts on the rest of the world," he went on.

"Whether we like or not, America is today the acknowledged leader of the free world and everything we do—or fail to do—affects profoundly the course of events throughout the world," the general said.

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for. Certainly the Christian Indians not associated with AIM would testify as to what Christianity has done for them socially as well as spiritually. Alcoholism and a high suicide rate are not found among those who have become members of evangelical churches.

Oscar Romo (Mexican-American) refutes the charges of Vernon Bellicourt in these words:

"The charge that Christianity contributes to alcoholism and suicide should be considered in the light of a worldwide problem of meaninglessness that sees drugs, alcoholism, and suicide with all people increasing." He adds, "The increased rate for these does not come with those who are Christians, but with those who have lost faith in the old religions and have nothing to replace it."

In the face of such charges, even though they can be strongly discounted, the denominations presently working with those Indian tribes or hoping to start such work are reevaluating their approach. Instead of presenting the "white man's religion" to red men by white missionaries they will concentrate on training Indians to preach the gospel to their own people. Methods will change, but the message must remain the same.

Christians who are true to their Lord and to His Great Commission will never water down the message that Christ can meet the needs of all. Salvation was first preached to Orientals and only later was carried to the world by Occidentals. We cannot at this stage of history accept the view that other religions are just as good as Christianity, though some of them recognize a supreme being and have some relatively good moral principles. The fact is that Christ died for our sins and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. This is Bible teaching. Let us believe in it and lovingly present it to all of our neighbors whatever their skin color or ethnic background.

Vastly better ways of treating and preventing malignant tumors and leukemia are expected to result from Veterans Administration research on how and why cells become cancerous.

## New Sabbathkeeping Church in New York City

A few years ago two Seventh Day Baptist ministers, Neal D. Mills and Leon M. Maltby, were invited by the candidate to participate in the ordination to the ministry of Henry A. Grant, pastor of Victory Tabernacle in Manhattan. The candidate, son of a Seventh Day Baptist minister in Jamaica, W. I., was a graduate of Crandall High School in Kingston who had emigrated to New York and associated with the Seventh-Day Christian Conference of which Victory Tabernacle is the headquarters church. Seventh Day Baptist denominational leaders and laymen have felt a warm welcome there under Mr. Grant's pastorate.

About two months ago Mr. Grant felt led to terminate his pastorate due to some difficulties in pastor-church relations. With the help of friends he has established a new Sabbathkeeping congregation which meets in a Methodist church on Edgecombe Ave. (at 140th Street), in Manhattan. The church is fully organized and incorporated under the name Shiloh Seventh-Day Temple. Full facilities are graciously provided by the host church not only for morning worship but for a midweek service and social fellowship. The congregation, which has a high percentage of Jamaicans, enjoys the fellowship of a carry-in hot lunch every Sabbath and schedules an afternoon Bible study.

Pastor Grant states that when the leaders of the church draw up a statement of beliefs it will be essentially the same as our Seventh Day Baptist statement. His hope is to provide a readily accessible haven for Jamaicans and others of like faith who live in the metropolitan area. Already a number without previous New York church connections are attending regularly the informal, well-conducted services. Membership is reported to be increasing steadily. The church has a very capable assistant pastor who shares the pulpit and the work.

Secretary-Editor Maltby was the first guest speaker of the new church on May 12. Other Seventh Day Baptists who find

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

## Review of

### Missionary Board Meeting

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held Sunday afternoon, April 29, 1973, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., with fourteen members present. The meeting was called to order by President Loren G. Osborn and opened with prayer by Morton R. Swinney.

The quarterly report of the treasurer, Karl G. Stillman, and statement of condition as of March 30, 1973, were received, approved, and ordered recorded. The reports of the executive vice-president, consultant in office and evangelist on the home field were approved. These reports will be published in the next issue of the *Missionary Reporter*.

The chairman of the American Tropics Committee, Paul A. Johnson, gave a quarterly report covering work in Jamaica and Guyana. He told of a reception held for Kenneth Burdick, son of Dr. Laurence Burdick of Milton, Wis., who was leaving the next day for Jamaica, W. I., where he would begin a two year term of dedicated service as a teacher at Crandall High School, Kingston. Continuing his report, Mr. Johnson noted that Executive Vice-President Leon R. Lawton is at present in Jamaica where he was to be joined soon by Evangelist Mynor Soper and the Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J., in a team ministry. This evangelistic team was requested by the Jamaicans in place of a released worker as has been sent during past recent years. It is part of the Golden Jubilee Celebra-

tion convenient to be in New York for a Sabbath would feel a warm welcome, as he did. For further information direct letters to the pastor at 119 145th St., South Ozone Park, N. Y. 11436.

—L. M. M.

tion of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

Active evangelism is being carried forward in Guyana with Pastor Jacob Tyrrell leading out in a preaching crusade at Georgetown. Pastor Leroy Bass writes that he is "on the teaching staff of Guyana Bible College this term teaching one evening class per week . . . on a volunteer basis."

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee approval in principle was voted to a plan for the executive vice-president to visit overseas mission fields in company with the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, such visit to be made early in 1974 as a representative of the Missionary Board. Further detailed plans are to be worked out when the executive vice-president is present.

Approval was voted to purchase a camper type vehicle for use by our missionary in Malawi, subject to favorable action on request to be made to Memorial Fund Trustees on a matching fund basis.

A vote of commendation and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Harris was taken for their "ambassadorial services" at Texarkana, Ark., April 3-9, 1973, assisting Evangelist Mynor Soper in special meetings at the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The annual report of the treasurer and the executive vice-president were authorized to be printed for distribution to all voting members of the Missionary Society and to General Conference.

The president was asked to appoint the standing committees and consultants for the ensuing year and these will be published in the *Missionary Reporter*. Maurice Young, chairman of the Conference Program Committee gave a verbal report of progress.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul S. Burdick who remembered particularly the team ministry in Jamaica of Leon Lawton, Mynor Soper, and Charles Bond. The meeting was adjourned to meet again on July 29, 1973.

## Report of Home Field Evangelist First Quarter of 1973

By Mynor G. Soper

### Beach Ministry at Daytona

As I write this report I am seated in my camper on the beach at Daytona Beach, Fla. As I look out the back window many sights greet my gaze. First, the beautiful blue sky, especially welcome after our difficult winter in Nebraska this year, and the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean with its white breakers rolling unceasingly up on the beach and its waters stretching to the horizon. I'm not sure how far it is out there to that most distant point I can see but I know that however far it may be it is still only a small portion of that vast body of water. And then there are the seemingly endless streams of cars parked and driving by and hordes of people, walking up and down aimlessly, stretched out sunning themselves, playing in the water. It would almost be easy to wish the people were gone and only the sea, sky, and beach remained. To see the selfishness, the vanity, the marks of greed and lust and self-destruction written in the countenance of almost every person makes one tempted to feel that the more important part of this scene is the sea and sky that faithfully obey God's commands.

But then I remember why Christ came into this world to save sinners of whom I am one — people once made in the image of God. And I am once again able to bring the whole scene into focus. It is the people that are important, that's why we are here. But, oh, they are getting so hard to reach. In the three years that we have been coming here to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ there has been a definite change. The young people here are getting much more difficult to talk with. Two years ago most any of them would talk with you about Christ, now few will. I have talked with others who have worked here and they have said the same thing. What is the reason? Who knows for sure! I personally attribute it to a definite hardening of the heart against spiritual things. This is so sad to see, for the Spirit of God has been moving in a

mighty way the last several years among young people and adults, and now those who have resisted the spirit are becoming defensive about it. And I believe that most Americans in one way or another have been exposed to this moving of the Spirit of God. Many have responded but many have resisted and now an attrition is setting in. This is not to say it is hopeless or that none will respond to our witness, it's just to say that it seems to be getting more difficult.

This reminds us that the Spirit of God will not always strive with men. In spite of the striving of the Spirit there will come again a spirit of total disregard as in the days of Noah (Lk. 17:26-30). One gets the feeling that they are much as the people of Zechariah's time when it says of them, "But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts has sent in his Spirit by the former prophets . . ." (Zech. 7:11-12).

One of the young people just came into the camper to talk with me about this very thing. Between the last two sentences there was about an hour's time lapse as we talked of the situation down here and what and where our accomplishments would be. So let me tell you what we are zeroing in on this year.

First of all we are trying to seek out individuals with whom we can have a truly deep relationship. If and when we find anyone responsive we are going to hang with them to take them as far as they will let us. While we have always done this, this year it is a matter of policy.

Secondly, I have two or three contacts from other years that I have cultivated which are coming to a head this year. My personal ministry is to try to reach these individuals this year for Christ.

Third, we are focusing on helping individuals in the Daytona Beach church. We have one of their young people working with us to help ground her in the faith and as a witness.

Fourth, each year we have spent some

time with the Paint Rock church. I feel the time with them and the boost it gives their young people is worth the trip. The joy they express to have us there to help even for a short time is wonderful.

We don't know at this point how effective our ministry will be this year as we are only into the second full day. We are committing our all to Him. Technically this part isn't even due in the report but I thought you might appreciate a really fresh report and analysis. Now for the last quarter.

### Report for the Quarter

January 7 - 18 we had Lay Training in North Loup church. The attendance was much better than the pastor or I had thought it might be. Fifteen to twenty took the full training. Many went out and did personal witnessing in their village for the first time in their lives. Some lives were committed to Christ as a result of those visits. We tried to keep the visitation program alive but it seemed Satan had things sewed up — too many other programs which made it impossible to find evenings to do it. However, some are continuing on a personal basis, which is great.

During February and March my wife and I conducted Lay Training sessions for a group of Christians about thirty miles from our home. This of course was not under Mission Board auspices. She and I attended a National Association of Evangelicals convention in Lincoln March 1 and 2 for our own spiritual enrichment. March 15 I left for Miami for ear surgery where I spent two weeks with follow-up treatments. I am so glad to be able to say that my hearing was brought up between 20 and 25 percent. From there I went to Texarkana, Ark., for evangelistic meetings. The folks there had counted so strongly on a number of ex-Adventists attending because of the one Adventist family that has joined in the past few months. However, not too many of them attended, partly due to the flu.

The first few nights of the meetings I felt I was hitting up against a solid wall. My father was too ill to participate. We had no good pianist or music. I needed help. I called Charles and Anita Harris

## General Conference Dates

August 12 - 18

The 161st session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will be held at Milton, Wis., Aug. 12-18, with Dr. Edward J. Horsley of Denver, president, in charge of the program. There is room in the college facilities for all. Plan early to attend the full week and to participate in the discussions, inspiration, and fellowship.

Watch for article on accommodations and costs.

on the phone and asked if I might fly them down if they could get loose to help me. The next afternoon I picked them up at Shreveport. Beginning the second night they were with me. They were a great asset. Finally by Sabbath Day when the Little Rock and Fouke churches attended we were able to break through the resistance and through sharing of testimonies and more preaching services a stirring was brought about in many of their hearts. By Monday night when we closed out there was a very definite deepening in the Lord in spiritual concerns and commitment. They expressed more joy over what they had experienced than almost any group I have been with in a long time. Those meetings were from April 3 - 9.

I left after the meeting Monday night and drove through the night, dropping Charles and Anita off at the airport in Little Rock, and going on home, arriving there about 5:30 the next afternoon. I spent one day there before getting in the camper and heading for Florida again, picking up some team members in Lincoln where I had had them flown in by private plane to meet us and picking up another in Paint Rock.

I sincerely hope this gives you a picture of the work to which God has called us. I covet your prayers and praise God that He is faithful who has called us who will also perform it.

When only one in twenty  
of the world's population  
has even a portion of the Bible,  
no wonder there is a call to . . .

## "LET THE WORD SPEAK"

A major address to the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, May 9

By Layton E. Holmgren

We live on a burdened and harassed planet. For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the events of our time have clear apocalyptic overtones. But opinion alternates between a stark pessimism which holds that the world is on the brink of doom and a bright optimism which is convinced that we are on the eve of a tremendous beneficial millenium. Hardly a person on earth is untouched by the rapid radical changes which are taking place and people everywhere have the deep feeling, which they are often unable to express, that they are living at a time of extraordinary historical significance. There is a pervading sense of living in "the last days" and although we don't know exactly what the future will be like, we are sure it will be very different from the past.

Most thoughtful people view the future with mixed feelings of eagerness and dread. Some see in the momentous impact of technology on human life today alluring new possibilities for the future. Dynamic innovations can bring down despotic rulers, crumble old institutions, dissolve old barriers. The world of hope can now get to even the most remote of the world's suffering victims so that all may experience the revolution of rising expectations. We are on the threshold, we are told by these enchanting optimists, of vast promise and performance which will lead to substantial enrichment and improvement in the human lot.

For others, however, there are frightening dangers implicit in the new technology. The potential abuses of the new power loom large. It can be used by men almost unwittingly to destroy each other

in careless extravagance and reckless competition. The earth, which is the only home mortal man has, is being attacked as if it could easily be replaced when worn out, or as if it might last forever despite assaults on its soil, its water, its atmosphere, and its irreplaceable resources. Disease and poverty still abound so that even after a century of technological advance, 10,000 people die from starvation *each day* on this tormented sphere!

More serious than all of this, however, is the spiritual crisis which is everywhere self-evident. The spirit of aggression, mob violence and hysteria, the hot fires of revolt in the young, the increase of criminal activity and sexual passion, corruption and deceit in high places and low, the spread of mental illness — all these suggest a major spiritual disturbance in the world with roots that go far deeper than technological inventions or scientific discoveries. As one commentator described it, "It is as if some mysterious force was making an impact upon us, or as if our planet was passing through the invisible and undetected cloud of an unknown gas."

The young are especially concerned about all of this, because their lives and future are at stake. They are sick of sham, double-think and double-talk, political posturing and equivocations. They are highly visionary and do not see the problems of the world as being especially complex; they see only those responsible for the "system" as being willfully obtuse and perverse. Make it happen! Make it real! Make it now! They want simple direct answers to their simple direct questions. Their naiveté may seem extreme,

but it is often a wholesome corrective to the paranoid gloom which clouds so much thinking in our time. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

It is this seeking, questing mood which provides the Church with a splendid new opportunity to proclaim the Word of the Lord for our time. In a fine address to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches last December, Dr. David Hubbard, the president of Fuller Theological Seminary, said it this way: "These people are begging for a word from beyond. They're flocking to the occult, they're turning to mysticism; there are more people who read the astronomical charts everyday than there are who read the Scriptures. They are unfed by the technology and secularism of our age. What a time it is for the confessing Christian community to minister to this hunger and this lostness!"

This is no time for diffidence; it is certainly no time for silence. It is a time to speak out boldly about "the wonderful works of God." It is time to declare openly and clearly the Christian answer to the questions being asked by young and old, by men in places of power and in places of need, by the overfed as well as the underprivileged, by the highly educated as well as those barely able to articulate their spiritual longings. Whether you prefer to stress personal commitment or corporate action, whether you preach from the housetops or march in the streets, whether you lead a private prayer group in Teaneck or a powerful pressure group in Washington, this is the time to use every possible means to make known the good news of the gospel — *to let the Word speak!*

This stirring phrase became the theme of the First World Assembly of the United Bible Societies held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last fall. The meeting was a kind of global Advisory Council for it brought together for several days leading churchmen from every continent with a like number of Bible society secretaries or staff for the purpose of exploring together how we could more effectively "let the Word speak" in this apocalyptic

age. The conference was born of the conviction that there is power inherent in the Word and that if we listen to what it says we will hear God's message for our world at this moment in history. "Let it say what it says," might have been another possible theme of the conference.

There were altogether 140 delegates. They came from highly varied cultures and conditions reflecting almost every possible theological and ecclesiastical stance. Some came from what we called at Addis "Dynamic Situations," where the Christian Church is growing and the gospel is heard gladly; others from "Minority Situations" where small groups of believers live among overwhelming majorities of other faiths; still others from crassly "Secular Situations" where the emphasis is on the material benefits of a perpetually expanding consumer economy; still others came to Addis from "Revolutionary Situations" where men are struggling, sometimes violently, to secure a larger measure of freedom and justice for themselves and their compatriots; and a few came from what may be described as highly "Vulnerable Situations" where totalitarian regimes officially oppose the gospel and suppress the Word.

It is astonishing to recall that out of so much diversity we produced so much unanimity, the more so since the old platform technique was not used. The work of the assembly was done in small groups of twelve to fifteen persons each which dealt with very specific concerns which then were reported to the plenary sessions in audiovisual presentations instead of the usual written reports. The results of these "inspired charades" became the basis of a well structured plan of advance for the next decade, a plan adopted in detail by the UBS Council which followed immediately upon adjournment of the assembly.

Addis was concerned — perhaps obsessed is a better word — with five principal aspects of the Bible cause which should condition our thinking in these days together and characterize our work in the days, perhaps even the decade, to come. The first has to do with the spiri-

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

#### Pray for:

- 1) The blessing of God upon the outreach plans of the Associations that have met or are soon to meet in annual sessions.
- 2) The deepening of the growing desire of church members to master Bible teaching and apply it to life situations.
- 3) A strengthening by the Holy Spirit of Seventh Day Baptists in other lands who are discouraged in their evangelistic work through lack of consistent prayer support.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 9

GOD IS SUPREME

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 20:3-5a;  
Matt. 6:24-33

tual nature of the task we perform. Addis stressed the fact that those of us who are engaged in the ministry of the Word must live in two worlds at the same moment. It said that we must be immersed in the world of Scripture with such intensity that our most intimate companions become the prophets, the psalmists, the apostles, the evangelists — with Jesus Christ Himself at the very center. Addis began each day with a Bible study in depth designed to give perspective to all that followed. But it went on quickly to say that we who handle this sacred Word must also be immersed in our own distressed and distressing world, open and sensitive to all the situations and dilemmas and confusions which bedevil it. At Addis we were never allowed to forget that the Bible, completed as it was at the end of the first century, has more relevance for modern man and his predicament than his daily newspaper. Addis cried, "Let the Word speak today!"

(Continued in the June 16 issue)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

### Board Executive Secretary

### Helps Plan Lessons for Millions

April 29 - May 4, 1973, the Committee on the Uniform Series, brought together and supported by the National Council of Churches, completed another year's set of lessons for the year 1976-77. These lesson outlines will be used by about 48,000,000 Bible students in many lands to study the entire Bible every six years. They are called "The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching."

A group of about fifty writers, editors, and educators from sixteen denominations worked face to face over a six-day period to expand the Cycle Committee's paragraph describing the quarter's lessons into specific Scriptures and lesson suggestions. These will be used by lesson writers and editors who create the teacher and student books. Each year's lessons are processed in two annual sessions — development in year one, review and final adoption after open criticism from denominational staffs, year two.

Behind this week of face-to-face working were many weeks of preparatory thought and study on the part of the chairmen and members of the quarterly committees. A Cycle Committee had prepared a general outline of subjects and Scripture to cover the Bible in a six-year period of church school study with a paragraph to describe each quarter. Quarterly committees were chaired by persons who had been "through the mill" several times so that assignment of tasks to individuals was arranged for accomplishing much creative writing within a short period of fellowship together.

The committee has met annually for 101 years in a wide variety of settings, usually in later years in professionally managed conference centers or hotels. Last year, you may recall, the 100th anniversary was celebrated in the church in Indianapolis where the first meeting was held (not the same building but the same congregation's church). The Committee on Uniform Series then did its work in

a retreat center in another part of Indianapolis.

This year for the first time the meetings were held outside North America, appropriately as we think of the fact that the lessons are used internationally. Not only have Canadian churches shared in preparation and use, but many overseas Christians also use them. Our overseas SDB's use the "International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching" as developed by our Board of Christian Education with Duane Davis as editor and lesson writer for the familiar *Helping Hand*.

Because the father-in-law of the Uniform Series Committee chairman leads a large church in Nassau, Bahamas, we were invited to meet there this year. After a cordial and stately welcome at Salem Baptist Church Sunday night, April 29, we were hosted to a delicious repast (the familiar Bahamian term) by the Salem Women's Missionary Society. The Prime Minister of this Commonwealth due to become independent July 10, 1973, spoke with clarity and insight about Christian concerns in his welcoming speech. The Bahamian Minister of Education and Culture outlined plans and concerns for public education in the islands, showing an awareness of moral and spiritual factors. Salem's men's chorus and a guest chorus brought lively inspiration. The Prime Minister noted that this was the first time a church-related conference had come to the Bahamas and indicated they liked this kind of influence. About 90 percent of the national population is church-related, but as everywhere, the example of Jesus is far beyond our performance.

The Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education secretary who writes the Home Daily Bible Reading "thought-starters" for the *Helping Hand* and who has general supervision of the church school materials published by our people was appointed chairman of the 1978 summer quarterly committee. He found much joy in corresponding with the other three chairmen and his own committee members in anticipating the work of the week as a total year's committee. Working

together as a group of eleven searching Christians, the quarter subcommittee chose approach and emphases from the Cycle Committee description, specific Scriptures for Lesson Background, for Lesson Print Passage for Devotions, and for Memory (Key) Verse. Home Daily Bible Readings will be worked out for the entire year by a general committee group from the midwest, to be coordinated into next year's final draft of the lesson outlines. As all these Scriptures are chosen and arranged, five to seven suggested lesson emphases are phrased and then the whole is subjected to review by two different groups.

Although *Helping Hand* Editor Duane Davis has been unable to attend the preparatory Uniform Series Committee sessions up to the present, it is hoped that he may be able to do so in the near future. His suggestions (and those of any persons interested) are welcome in the period for "denominational criticism" provided for between now and December 31. A Seventh Day Baptist Board committee will also survey the outlines before they go to press.

### Sabbath School Teaching Is a Fruitful Ministry

By Re Rogers Baker

I am a Sabbath School teacher of an adult class, not because I campaigned for the job or meet certification requirements, but because it is the right thing to do when requested to do so by the adult group. Recall such Bible characters as Moses, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, who were asked to lead their fellowmen. These men all felt their inadequacies and made excuses to avoid the position of leadership; yet the Lord promised them wisdom, guidance and strength and they succeeded in their mission.

As a teacher one should be ready to innovate, discard and add to his chest of tools. One must not be afraid of failure, for failure always shows you what will not work. Thomas Edison in his search for suitable materials to make the filament of the incandescent lamp discovered hundreds of materials that would

work. One must not be overcome with discouragement and allow it to make him feel that the work is better off undone. I find that further study of the topic offers relief from discouragement.

With dozens of Bible translations and much periodical literature devoted to the cause of Bible study one can avail himself of sufficient study material. The Richburg, N. Y., Sabbath School purchases the *Baptist Leader* for all teachers that want it. I subscribe to *Christian Herald*, *Decision*, and receive *Now*. I exchange ideas and papers with the pastor and attend the special Bible studies that the Richburg church sponsors from time to time. Another teacher may have a different set of periodicals.

Some innovations have been tried with the adult class. One objective in trying them was to deviate from the lecture discussion pattern. The class at times has been divided into small groups for discussion of specific parts of the topic, followed by an exchange of ideas among the groups. I would have the class sit in a circle except that our spot in the sanctuary does not permit it. We have not yet used filmstrips on an individual class basis but the church has voted to purchase equipment so that we can move in that direction. When it would help to make clear a point I have made up an illustration on a blackboard and brought

it to class. On occasion I have made special presentations that indirectly related to Bible study. Personalities presented were Rachel Oaks Preston, Homer Rodeheaver, George Beverly Shea, and Samuel Stennett. An old time recording was used to illustrate Rodeheaver. If variety and innovations add zest to children's classes, why can not they be used in adult classes too?

At Adams Center, N. Y., I was privileged to teach the intermediate class. Mrs. Nellie Barbur and I felt that top priorities for classroom space and interests should be given to this group. Consequently this group had its own opening exercises and music books and the youth were encouraged to select their songs. The classroom material included one large poster a month to be inked in by the teacher while he talked. When the group was small I let the pupils do the inking with felt pens. The experience brought to my mind a model tabernacle in the wilderness, that helped me a lot in learning what it was all about. I also recall the Rev. Alton Wheeler's demonstration of the effects of alcohol with specimens and charts, and I recall the late Rev. Ralph Coon's object lessons with demonstrations from science. This kind of activity made a lasting impression on me. In teaching a lesson the preparation justifies the end results!

#### OFFICE SECRETARY NEEDED

There will be an opening for a secretary in the office of the editor of *The Sabbath Recorder* when the present secretary leaves in August. Full-time work at prevailing wages is offered. It is anticipated that the secretary's time will be divided between the editor's office and the office of the Historical Society. Applicants may write to John D. Bevis or to Albert N. Rogers at P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

#### ATTENTION: YOUNG PEOPLE!

Are you planning to attend Pre-Con and Conference? Have you heard we're doing "Love"? This young world musical by Otis Skillings will be more meaningful to you if you'll get a copy NOW and practice before coming to Pre-Con.

Copies are available for \$2.95 and may be found in your local Bible book store. If not, send to: Mrs. Joseph C. Loper, R.D. 1, Barrett Run Rd., Bridgeton, N. J. 08302.

Remember:

Christ + Prayer + "Love" = Excitement in the Lord at Pre-Con!

#### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LINCOLN, NEBR.— Just a short letter to let you know what is going on in the new Lincoln Fellowship. First, I'd like to say how much we all enjoyed our last meeting which was conducted by Milton and Jean Jorgensen. The service consisted of readings centered around the Easter story. In between readings we had special music, hymns, and prayer. It was a simple and effective service.

At our dinner afterwards, we decided to have a special meeting to determine goals for summer and fall. The service for a recent Sabbath was conducted by Pastor Paul Osborn, of Nortonville, Kans., with a picnic lunch scheduled at Pioneer Park.

Meetings are often held at the Wesley Foundation. Those planning to attend may get information from young people at Lincoln or from the North Loup church.

—Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— An interesting evening was spent Saturday night, April 7, when "A Day at Pacific Pines Camp" was enjoyed in our own Fellowship Hall at the church. The room was decorated with pine boughs and pine cones and there was even a lingering scent of the pines in the air. Camp director was John Clibourn. The Planning Committee included Peter Morris, Lennox and Jo Ann Baxter, and Ruth Ann Peil who, with the help of the Y.F., did a fine job of decorating and making posters.

Just as on a typical morning at camp, the day began with flag raising led by Richard Bond. (This was really something to see!) We went up to the chapel (sanctuary) where Pastor Davis showed a filmstrip showing S.D.B. youth groups camping in other parts of the United States. Classes followed chapel. Teachers and team leaders were Darlene Peil, Julius Henry, Helen Henry, Pen Peil, and Lambert Lynch. Campers met with their teachers for a fifteen minute lesson.

An "Alone with God" period of ten minutes gave each camper time for individual meditation and prayer.

Sports director, Trevor Davis, led us on our "moonlight hike" around the church building and back onto the patio where a sketch of Heart Rock assured us that we had reached our destination. No one was lost and no camper was hurt. Under direction of the recreation leader, Ruth Peil, miniature volleyball was enjoyed.

Lights were out while we gathered around the campfire to sing camp songs and other favorites. Peter and several of the young people played guitars for accompaniment. The "faggot service" was a thoughtful time as each camper meditated and ask God to rid him of known faults and sins. In true camp style, we closed the evening by forming a friendship circle and singing, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Refreshments were served under direction of kitchen director, Betty Barber. Hot chocolate and coffee, apples, oranges, popcorn, and homemade cookies really "hit the spot."

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— Our 135th annual meeting on April 8 was conducted by the Rev. Alton Wheeler, moderator. With five deaths and three new members, our membership stood at 100.

Pastor Herbert E. Saunders was called for another two years with a standing ovation. He reported that as chairman of the community Key '73 committee he had led two workshops in other churches, attended four other workshop sessions, and discussed Key '73 on the local radio station WERA. He was planning a series of group meetings of our members to set goals and initiate action for the coming year.

Our treasurer, Charles H. North, reported local and OWM offerings of nearly \$18,000 during the year. The new budget called for over \$23,000 for OLM (Our Local Mission). A special committee was appointed to recommend uses for memorial gifts, past and future.



New and reelected officers included the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, moderator; Charles H. North, treasurer; Anna C. North, clerk; Phillip D. Van Horn, trustee; the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Etta N. O'Connor, and Jean D. McAllister, Sabbath School superintendent, secretary, and treasurer.

The Board of Christian Education had sponsored the children's church experience during the sermon, coffee and juice between sessions, Sabbath School, with an average attendance of fifty-nine, and the children's choirs and other activities on Sabbath afternoons.

The Christian Social Action Committee had shown three children's movies with 60-75 children present at each and with refreshments afterwards.

The Fellowship Committee had served the meals at the fall retreat and nine other dinners besides the annual meeting dinner.

The Evangelism Committee had sponsored SCSC activities, Key '73 meetings and Bible distribution, Bible study groups, and the visit of the five Salem College students.

On April 14 the whole congregation processed, carrying palm branches and led by the three choirs. The children's choirs sang with twenty-one present. Our pastor says the CROSS stands for Caring, Redemption, Obedience, Selflessness, Salvation. On Easter Sabbath the senior choir again processed at the start of the service.

The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel had charge of the service March 31 when our pastor preached at Westerly, R. I., and the Rev. Albert Rogers had charge April 28 while the pastor was at the Ministers Conference.

A spirit of optimism and enthusiasm in our church points to a year of growth and outreach under dedicated leadership.  
—Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C.— From church bulletins we learn that the March of Dimes was a real march, and a strenuous one, this year in the Capital area. Eleven young people of our church joined in a march to raise funds for the March of

Dimes causes on Sunday, April 29. Ten of the eleven starters finished the twenty-five mile hike. It might be remarked that there is a good measure of stick-to-itiveness in our Washington, D.C., congregation. — Editor.

#### Milton Honors Leland Shaw

Dr. Leland C. Shaw, professor of English, who will retire this June, has been named by the Milton College Alumni Association as the 1972-73 recipient of the College Award for loyal and unselfish efforts as a faculty member.

Dr. Shaw, a Milton alumnus, graduated in 1919. He has taught at his alma mater since 1924.

Many faculty members have endorsed Dr. Shaw's selection by the Alumni Association.

"He has given more time unselfishly to students, is better loved by them, and has shown more loyalty and patience than anyone I know. In addition, he is an excellent teacher . . . both in and out of the classroom," one faculty member commented.

Another stated that "Prof. Shaw is more worthy of this honor than any person to whom it has been given thus far."

Milton has honored Dr. Shaw several times, previously. In 1963, the Alumni Association named him a "Pillar of Milton"; in 1967, Milton's new library was dedicated and honored him and his late father, Dr. Edwin B. Shaw; in 1968, he was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree by his alma mater.

Dr. Shaw and his wife have been active through the years in the work of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church and other denominational work in Southern Wisconsin.

#### Law Is Not Legalism

To contend that any Christian emphasis on law is legalism is to fail to grasp the full meaning of law in the Old and New Testaments. "The Hebrew word for law, *torah*, and the Greek, *nomos*, are much too wide in their meaning to be synonyms for legalism," says Dr. Bernard L. Ramm.

#### REPRINTING SDA INFORMATION BOOKLET

The American Sabbath Tract Society in 1939 printed for Dr. Conradi, the well researched 80-page booklet, *The Founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination*. This has long been out of print and the Tract Society has had to tell people who were very anxious for copies to distribute that none were available and that the probable limited demand would not justify reprint at current printing costs.

The Tract Society has recently purchased plate-making and offset press equipment that might make a small quantity reprint feasible if there is sufficient demand. It could probably be reproduced for \$1 per copy. A few people in recent years would have been willing to pay much more. If you know of people outside our *Recorder* readership who are interested in a study of the beginnings of Seventh-day Adventism as set forth by the careful historian L. Richard Conradi, who became a Seventh Day Baptist leader in the early 1930's, please tell them about the tentative proposal to bring this booklet back into print. Advance orders will be a deciding factor in rendering this service.

Send orders or expressions of interest to the American Sabbath Tract Society, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

#### Against Killing

Wayne Keller in a letter to the editor of the *Messenger*, twice monthly organ of the Church of the Brethren, writes his conviction that this "peace" church should be careful to be consistent. He noted that the subject of abortion was on the agenda for discussion and action at their forthcoming annual Conference. His final thought:

"The Church of the Brethren cannot, dare not, be so inconsistent that it opposes wars and violence and then does not oppose killing by abortion. If we are not consistent in our witness it loses all of its acceptability."

#### MEMORY TEXT

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

—Isaiah 40:1, 2

#### Accessions

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

By Letter:

Sharon Ayars

Phillip D. Van Horn

Margaret Williams (Mrs. Phillip) Van Horn

#### Obituaries

VOORHEES.— Ethel F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Ford was born Nov. 30, 1897, in Cuba, N. Y., and died March 15, 1973, at her daughter's home in Farnham, N. Y.

She was united in marriage to Verne Voorhees, April 21, 1917. Mr. Voorhees died in 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees and two daughters were baptized at Easter time in 1937 by the Rev. Emmett Bottoms of Friendship, N. Y. She was a member of the Richburg church at the time of her death. She was active in community affairs wherever she lived and was also well-beloved as a camp cook at Camp Harley Sutton for several years.

She is survived by two daughters, Janice (Mrs. Charles) Bottoms, Farnham, N. Y., and Mrs. Phyllis Wetherbee of Weston, Mass.; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Cuba, N. Y., March 17, by the Rev. David S. Clarke, with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Friendship.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Word has been received of the death of Harold K. Pearson, father of missionary David C. Pearson of Malawi, Africa, on April 5, 1973 at Amsterdam, N. Y. It is also learned that Esther B. Pearson, his wife, died on May 17. Both had been in failing health for some time.

### WOMEN'S BOARD EMPHASIS ISSUE

In the *Sabbath Recorder* schedule for periodic emphasis of Seventh Day Baptist board work it is the Women's Board that has the opportunity of telling its story in June. The material for the emphasis issue on women's work is not available for this first-of-the-month issue. It is hoped that we can present that blue-ink special next week. It is edited by Mrs. Elmo Fitz Randolph of Boulder, Colo., president of the Women's Board.

### Pastor's Conference

World Vision announced a pastors' Conference May 7 to 11 at Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, at which 1,200 Telugu speaking pastors were expected to be on hand. It will be remembered that most of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of India are in Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of the Rev. B. John V. Rao. It is probable that some of those pastors were able to attend the stimulating pastor's conference.

Another pastors' conference under World Vision sponsorship was scheduled for May 20-25 at Rangoon, Burma. The Rev. John Thetgyi, who organized the first Burma pastors' conference in 1958 coordinated this one. Although missionaries have not been allowed in Burma since 1966 a team of leaders could be scheduled for a few days. The Seventh Day Baptist pastors in Burma probably could not make the trip to Rangoon for the occasion. It is also probable that Secretary L. Sawi Thanga was involved, though we have no word in regard to it.

—L. M. M.

### Computerized Bible Society

One session of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, May 7-10, was held in the Board Room of the twelve-story Bible house at 1865 Broadway in New York City. At the close of the session there was a tour of several floors of the relatively new \$5 million building. Visitors were impressed with the computer rooms that occupy most of one floor. The impressive thing is that the American Bible Society keeps these computers (mostly rented) operating twenty-four hours a day on three shifts taking care of communication and other functions that can be programmed in this way.

One of the main functions of the Bible Society is translation of the Scriptures. Very little of this work is done at headquarters, but in various countries of the world. Dr. Eugene Nida, the translations expert, answered questions about the use of computers in that area of the work. Translation is a highly personalized work and little of it can be done by machine. However, the various meanings of words in the original languages can be fed into a computer. Answers to certain questions can thus be arrived at more quickly.

During last year portions of the Scriptures appeared in nearly fifty more languages — an average of about one per week. Parts of the Bible, if not the whole Bible or New Testament, are now available in 1,500 languages or dialects, according to a large sign in the window of the Bible House. There are about 400 employees at the building that serves as the center of the greatest Bible work in the world.

—L. M. M.

