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## Good Resolution on Race

The American Jewish Congress drafted a policy-making resolution on the occasion of the birthday of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The statement ended thus:

"The American Jewish Congress still believes in an integrated society. We reassert our commitment to full equality in a free society for all Americans. We renew our support of the unanimous decision of the United States Supreme Court that separate cannot be equal. And we reaffirm our determination to help bring about the kind of society in which black and white will live together, work together and learn together, and in which each group in its own way can develop to the fullest its historic and cultural identity.

"In the days ahead integration will not be an easy or popular position to espouse. It will require a rejection of the separatist ideology espoused by some blacks and some whites. Above all, it will require actions as well as resolutions, a willingness to speak out for what we hold to be right and the courage to stand firm in the face of attack from whatever quarter."

## More Than a Billion

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816 to translate, publish and distribute the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, in the first 155 years of its existence has distributed 1,336,751,420 copies of Scripture. Of this amount 67,860,199 were complete Bibles, 1,268,891 Testaments and the remainder individual Biblical books or selected passages.

## X-Rated Films Protested

Following the announcement some time ago by CBS that they were planning to show x-rated films on TV there has been a wave of protest by church people. Many of our pastors have urged their people to write letters to the president of the Columbia Broadcasting Network, Dr. Frank Stanton, and others, to keep these objectionable films from being made available in our homes. The protests apparently have had some effect, for word has come that objectionable parts of such films will be deleted before they are broadcast on television. The question remains as to whether CBS people will be sensitive enough to decide what is objectionable for general viewing. In the entertainment field more than in the political field "eternal vigilance is the price of safety." Battles for decency have to be fought continuously, not just occasionally.

## Tracts at Lower Cost

In these days of advancing costs for labor and materials it is quite unusual to be able to reprint an expensive tract for less than the original cost, but your denominational publishing house has achieved that in the case of a 10,000 second printing of "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of a Spirit-filled Sabbath?" Greater efficiency in printing brought the production cost down slightly below \$50 per thousand. Reprints of other tracts will reflect higher costs though the average tract is only \$2 per hundred.



In yesteryear the only fuel shortage was when we failed to cut enough wood to keep the home fires burning. Our dependence on God for trees on the wood lot was a little easier to see than when we import fuel oil.

—Sturbridge Village Photo

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## Predictions for 1973

Frank A. Sharp, director of press relations for American Baptist Churches, some of whose articles have appeared in this journal, has recently written an article "Prophecy for 1973," for use in Baptist papers which covers a very wide range of predictions. We are not printing it in full for lack of space, lack of agreement on some points, and because some of the predictions are so obvious that they do not need to have attention called to them. Dr. Sharp, is very knowledgeable on many religious and social subjects, but some of his predictions may be slightly colored by his own outlook (which is true of all of us).

I question the prediction: "The year 1973 will see the complete demise of the Jesus Movement among young people. Already in 1972 the trend is downward and 1973 should see its end." Probably Dr. Sharp is correct in a later paragraph in foreseeing that the charismatic movement, "which last year grew to surprising proportions even within old-line denominations, will continue to grow and make its presence felt in 1973." It is your editor's opinion that there is considerable relation between the charismatic movement and the Jesus movement. It is doubtful if the Bible-centered and evangelistic elements of the Jesus movement will lose their zeal and thrust this year. Their publications have achieved fantastic growth, several of them reaching circulations of over 200,000.

We quote, for reader evaluation, the prediction about the National Council of Churches:

In ecumenical affairs, the main-line Protestant groups will be watching carefully the restructured National Council of Churches to determine whether or not it will be agile enough and responsive enough to meet the needs of minority groups and those who are not now empowered to act through representatives on its new Governing Board. Of critical importance is the financing of the new structure, which calls for increased support by denominations. Without adequate financial support the restructuring for minority empowerment may be a hollow gesture.

A closing paragraph in Dr. Sharp's article is thought-provoking and chal-

lenging. There is something we can do about it if his analysis is correct. We quote:

The coming year may be one of genuine seeking for meaning and significance in life. The psychology of striving for material possessions; the impersonal aspect of modern technology; the breakdown of family life; fear in the streets; and the spiritual poverty of a scientific technology will drive people to look for a more adequate religious outlook that will give meaning and purpose to a pointless existence. Whether the churches can rise to this challenge and provide the answer is a 1973 question. If the churches fail, then the people will turn to fads and non-church, even non-Christian, religions for the answer.

## Thoughts on Church Upkeep

The mission of the church is to win souls; we must never forget that. We have a tendency to do so. There are some other things that also have to be done by any group that maintains a meeting place. There must be upkeep of the place of worship and other rooms necessary for our Christian education program.

The winning of souls is largely spiritual work and the upkeep of the building is largely physical work. Perhaps the two should not be so separated into compartments or assigned exclusively to those expert in one or the other. We hear much today about saving the whole man. When he is saved he is still a whole man with need for both physical and spiritual expression or utilization of his abilities.

It occurs to me, first of all, that none of us should think of labor around the building as an end in itself. Physical maintenance or improvement must be related to the total mission of the church. This is what is meant by the Scripture, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." The Lord must be in the labor that is contributed to the Lord's house. It is not always so.

On the other hand, much of the labor expended on cleaning, painting, renewal of furniture, and beautification is a genuine expression of love for the Lord. Some of our best thoughts, our most lov-

ing concerns come to us when we are doing physical labor around the sanctuary. It is a little like taking time for prayer. It takes more of our time to wash the walls of the church than to hire it done. While we work at our selected or assigned tasks our thoughts are on the program of the church and what our efforts may contribute to the purpose for which the church exists.

It is spiritually healthy exercise to spend hours working on the church building and its furnishings. The work may be hard, but it is uplifting to the spirit. It brings satisfaction that is much more than accomplishing a task that needed to be done or saving the church some money. Much of such work gets little praise, for not everybody notices the neatness, cleanliness or well-polished appearance, but those who have had a physical part in such work can experience a glow and warmth of heart that is likely to extend to others in and out of the fellowship.

It may be true that the pastor, deacons, elders, and those others who have taken training in the Bible and in soul winning should spend the major portion of their energy in that work — just as the apostles as recorded in Acts agreed that it was not wise for them to serve tables when there was such need to dispense the bread of life. The major work of those not so qualified may also be devoted to the things that they can do best—like building and cleaning. However, the spiritual leaders need the stimulus of physical labor if they are to be well-rounded. By the same token every member who has thought of himself as qualified primarily for mundane tasks should seek to bear a witness and be a soul winner.

The work of the church is for all the church. We should all be spiritually minded and also fully conscious of physical needs of people and of the church. Whole people make a whole church. Let's work at it!

It is a comely fashion to be glad,—  
joy is the grace we say to God.

—Jean Ingelow: *Dominion*

## Tract Society Progress

### Highlights of Recent Board Meetings

Much of a quarterly board meeting is occupied with reports of committees and officers, as it was when the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society came together at Shiloh, N. J., January 21, for a dinner and a full afternoon. This time there was more than usual deliberation and action relative to new projects and new personnel.

The Advisory Committee met for a full session the evening before to select editors for coming special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*, to advise the editor-secretary on matters he presented and to firm up plans for soliciting cover designs.

Sunday morning was devoted to two large committee meetings, Publications and Audio and Visual Services. The Executive and Supervisory Committees had held meetings during the quarter as had the special committee on Future Employment Needs. When the board was called to order shortly after one o'clock most of the members were well qualified by their committee involvement to enter into the decisions that needed to be made by the whole group.

The primary item of business came out of the committee headed by Owen Probasco on Future Employment Needs. On its recommendation the board voted to extend a call to Professor John Bevis of Salem College to replace the editor-secretary next summer. (See a more full report of this in the February 10 issue.) This change of personnel affects the 1973 budget to an extent that is not yet fully determined. It is anticipated that the transfer of duties next summer can be accomplished smoothly with the cooperation of all concerned and the loyal support of our denominational constituency.

The Audio and Visual Services Committee reported considerable filmstrip usage and the availability of new material. The forward-looking plans now being finalized are for the calling and financing of a special dedicated service worker to develop the program capabilities of the new sound studio. Fred Ayars, builder of the control room units has prepared a manual for operating the

### MEMORY TEXT

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. Acts 16:13

electric equipment. He has given some instruction to students and headquarters personnel. By Conference time it is hoped that program development service may be rendered to churches and agencies as the studio is functionally organized.

The corresponding secretary reported an unusually active quarter in tract distribution from the office. Not all orders were completely filled, but nearly 28,000 tracts were sent out. The greatest number went to the Pacific Coast. The Publications Committee has reprinted one expensive tract in English "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of a Spirit-filled Sabbath?" and has forwarded designated funds to the Philippines, Burma, and India for the production of tracts by mimeograph in the languages of those countries—a work that is now going on.

Studies are continuing in regard to closer cooperation between the Board of Christian Education and the Tract Society. The minutes of the late fall weekend meeting of representatives of the two boards were furnished to all members during the quarter, with plans made for another meeting.

In the months to come the Tract Board sees much work to be done and plans to be made, not only for the sound studio and office work, but also for changes in the management and operation of the publishing house. One small piece of equipment (about \$2,000) has been authorized but not purchased. It will serve the program needs of Conference, boards and agencies. It is a small offset press to do work beyond the capabilities of mimeograph machine. There will be further word on this in the future.

## Sharpened Words

The Bible has been many things to many people. Some are content to use it as a history book, as a literary anthology, or as a book of proverbs or pithy sayings.



But for Key '73 and its effort to reach the entire North American continent for Christ, the Bible is far more. In its own words, "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit" (Heb. 4:12). Unless these "sharpened words" are the cutting edge of Key '73 witness, the results will be negligible.

### A Famine in the Land

In view of the millions of copies of the Word which are readily available to the population of North America, one would be tempted to ridicule the idea that there is a famine for the Word of God. But while the granaries are full, there are millions still who do not eat. A huge portion of our continent has flagrantly repudiated the Word of God, choosing rather to feed on the impoverished ideas of humanism and relativism.

Others, even amid the plenty, do not know how to open the storehouse of God's Word. But no matter what may be the reason, multitudes are dying for lack of the Living Bread. They need concerned Christians who know how to dispense the food to starving souls. Some must be persuaded, with sharpened words, that God's Word is the food they so desperately need. Others stand with outstretched hands, waiting . . . .

While millions of unchurched North

Americans starve for lack of spiritual sustenance, altogether too many Christians suffer from spiritual malnutrition. They are undernourished simply because they fail to find time to spend in the Word of God. The Bible has little opportunity to become sharpened words in their own lives. Therefore, after an initial emphasis on repentance and prayer, Key '73 moves to Phase Two in which a major focus is placed on the Word of God, both as the motivation and the means of evangelism.

Without a revival of Bible reading by Christians, spiritual life will wither further (Psalm 1). Daily delight in the Word of God denotes daily delight in God Himself (Psalm 1:2). Neglect of the Word of God is neglect of the God of the Word. Preference for other things over God's Word reveals our misplaced confidence in man's ways (Isaiah 53:6).

### The Authority of the Word

Success in evangelism depends ultimately upon faith in a completely trustworthy and authoritative Bible. The spirit of the day is to question, to doubt, to depreciate. Man has superimposed the authority of human interpretation over the authority of the Word of God.

The act, however, does not invalidate revelation. It simply devastates the spiritual power of the Christian whose faith in the trustworthiness of the Bible wavers. Not only is he uncertain about his own relation to his Savior, but he is unable to confront sinners with their need of a Savior.

Words that should be sharp become dulled. The bold assertion, "Thus says the Lord," lacks the power of conviction and authority.

The "authority of the Word" is more than a mere theological label. The Bible is not just another book. By the authority vested in it, the Bible assures man that God loves him, points the way to peace among men, offers power for inner peace and satisfaction, and charts the way to Heaven, the home of the soul. Without this authority, Key '73 is only another man-made program. With it, Key '73 is a tool through which God can accomplish His purposes on earth.

### Place of the Word in Key '73

Phase Two, "Calling Our Continent to the Word of God," suggests two Bible study emphases for participating groups early in 1973. First comes the preparatory Bible study: groups of Christians gathering around the Word of God for personal challenge to repentance and a quickened enthusiasm for evangelistic outreach. These groups may be specially formed for the occasion, or they may be existing church groups who accept the challenge of the Key '73 program.

The second Bible study emphasis is evangelistic: through morning coffee hours, home Bible study groups, coffee house study groups, and "back yard" study classes for children, the unchurched are invited to join the already formed study groups to investigate together the relevance of God's Word to each of man's needs. The forty million children in America without any formal church instruction, and the growing number of pagan adults, are all subjects who need to be called to the Word of God.

An important part of this last emphasis is Scripture distribution — not just to hand out a great tonnage of literature, but to give special invitations, along with the literature, to join a particular Bible study group. Personal concern for individuals and the conservation of spiritual gains is an important part of Key '73.

### The Bible Is the Book

Alexander Duff, the great missionary to India, was on his way to his field of ministry. Clothes, personal possessions, and an 800-volume library were all part of the "equipment" being taken to the field. But just a few miles from the Indian destination port, the ship was wrecked. Passengers escaped with their lives, but with nothing else.

A discouraged Duff sat on the shore. His anxious eyes spotted something floating from the disaster site. Wading into the water, he retrieved the object. Of all his possessions, his Bible had survived.

But that was all Duff needed for the work to which he had been called. The very next day, reading from the Bible, he began his first class for five boys. A week later he had over 300 listeners!

### The Kind of Pastor I Need (At the Installation of a New Pastor)

By Rev. E. Wendell Stephan

I have always wanted to be prescriptive about the ministry — about what I think a minister should do and be — and now suddenly when it is my privilege I feel foolishly tongue-tied and overwhelmingly irrelevant. It isn't that I can't conceptualize the task of ministry or categorize my expectations, but simply that if I am honest about the qualities I need to find in my pastor no one could possibly live up to them.

Yet that is probably an overstatement — so let me try.

I need a pastor whose honesty welcomes and embraces my own — whose life helps me to know that it is all right for me to be me — that my humanity has dignity and worth.

I need a pastor whose honesty requires my own undisguised response — someone whose integrity helps me to remove my mask and live proudly with my own face — so that my outside and my inside can match in self-affirming celebration.

I need a pastor whose authenticity confronts my superficiality and reaches deeply into the reservoir of my own selfhood with acceptance and affirmation.

I need a pastor whose involvement speaks to my estrangement, calling me to my need for others and their need for me.

I need a pastor whose commitment signals such a clear and unwavering trust

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And years later, a beautiful building and 1,000 students of that Bible stood as monuments to the importance of the Word.

Key '73 has had much planning and preparation. There are many aids to assist the local congregation in evangelistic outreach. But when the ship has finished its journey at the end of 1973, it will not be the baggage, but the sharpened Word, through the quickening of the Spirit, which calls our continent to Christ.

in life and in God that it reaches through the thick shadow of my uncertainty with caring and with hope.

I used to think that I wanted a pastor who would build a bridge across the chasm of my loneliness, or someone who would guide my feet to the stepping stones of faith — but now I know that I want something more and something different from that.

I do not want a pastor who is a guide — although that's all right — or one who takes my hand and leads me, although this is good — or one who builds a bridge — I want in my pastor someone who is real enough and strong enough and caring enough, yes and brave enough to be a bridge, who is willing and able to support me, to see me through, to love me and to hurt with me and to cry with me and to make me know by all that he is that God is alive and well — that I am not alone — and that I belong to God and to this world in a very special way.

Now I haven't said very much about all the things a minister should do. He should certainly work, he should certainly pray — and he should certainly keep his fingers out of the poor box — but more important to me is what he in himself should be — and my need for him to communicate that being in a vital and personal way.

And so Pastor — I don't really ask much of you — only that you be authentically and generously yourself — and that goes for your wife as well. May God bless you both.

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### Federal Accreditation

With so much federal tax money appropriated to colleges, it becomes a question whether it may not be wise for the government to take a hand in accreditation of institutions of higher education, says Elliot E. Richardson, secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. A study is being made into protecting the public purse. There are at present forty-five nationally recognized accrediting groups used to determine eligibility for assistance.

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

### Fifth Sabbath Mission Emphasis

The first Fifth Sabbath Mission Emphasis in 1973 will be observed March 31. The emphasis will be Guyana. In this issue of the *Recorder* there are pictures and information relating to the work in Guyana that might be clipped or laid aside by those responsible for the Fifth Sabbath Mission Emphasis program. While your Missionary Society seeks to send out new, fresh information, as well as to prepare a new audiovisual filmstrip for the emphasis, we do hope that missionary keyworkers and others will avail themselves of the material which appears from week to week on mission pages of the *Recorder*. It is not too early to begin planning ahead. Mark it on your calendar: "Fifth Sabbath Mission Emphasis, March 31, 1973. Emphasis, Guyana."

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### Guyana Spiritual Retreat

The Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer emphasis closed January 13-15 with the first Spiritual Retreat held by our Guyana brethren — a very fitting capstone and climax to the Week of Prayer. The twenty-four who attended came from several churches, and included nine youth.

Missionary Leroy C. Bass, the director handed each person a notebook and program schedule headed, "Welcome to the Banquet" on his arrival. Luke 14: 16-24, 33 was chosen as the key text. Copies of *Good News for Modern Man* were available and used in the studies.

The theme, "God's Plan of Reconciliation," was illustrated with a large chart in the front of the meeting hall. As the messages and studies were given, all could see the progression of God's loving methods worked out through the ages of time as this chart was filled in.

It was shown that reconciliation began with the promise of God to Eve after the fall; that reconciliation was effected with Jesus on Calvary's Cross; and that



Sister Martha Tyrrell, widow of Pastor Joseph Tyrrell, was one of those participating in the Spiritual Retreat. She has written: "We all have entered a new year again. New thoughts, new visions, and otherwise. I was so much delighted by God's mercy to be at Den Amstel for a retreat that Pastor Bass held. It was young and old. A lovely spiritual time. I was at school again. My brain had to function again. Lovely singing. For two days I was out from home. We also held Executive meeting. I haven't enough in me to thank the Lord."

reconciliation *completed* will be known fully when Jesus returns (1 Cor. 15:24).

On Sabbath morning each retreator meditated on Matthew 5:13-16 during the alone-with-God period. The morning message concluded the theme message begun the evening before. In the Bible study hour each person was challenged to make a personal paraphrase of the morning devotional verses. Then, after lunch, each one had opportunity to read his paraphrase. All did a commendable job and were thrilled to give theirs and to hear the others.

Brother Bass shared an article, "The Missionary Vision of the Korean Church" (from the Church Growth Bulletin) Sabbath afternoon. This highlighted the prime responsibility of all believers to be responsive to their Lord's Great Commission.

A Practical Way of Personal Evangelism was emphasized in special training that afternoon, too. "The salt and light, from Jesus' sermon, seemed an ideal passage because salt conveys what we are to be *inside*. Light conveys the idea of what we are to be and to do on the

*outside*. In order to be light, we have first to be salt."

Mimeographed guides were used. These gave outline instructions on how to introduce a prepared tract in house-to-house visitation; how to meet objections, that most often are given by those wishing to argue religion.

Such contacts would be followed through with a five part series of lessons on the return of Christ. The first lesson was left on the initial visit. Then the visitor would plan to call back for four consecutive weeks to discuss the lesson and leave the next in the series.

Further topical Bible studies were also shared with the retreaters so that they could continue on or be prepared to meet particular needs of individuals.

Pastor Bass also introduced a spiritual/physical exercise in two stages. First each individual lifted up one hand to God, and with the other held on to chair or table. The Psalmist speaks of this in Psalm 28:2; 63:4; 134:2; 141:2, but emphasizes lifting "hands." "Thus we learned to let go of the object and lift up the other hand also. This illustrates how many try to be Christian, but still try to hold on to something on earth, or some selfish desire, etc. At a later time, we did this again, by giving Him both hands at once, and praying a unison prayer."

The close of the Sabbath was a time of rejoicing in song and prayer. Following supper there was a time of enthusiastic gospel singing with a social hour and fun contest game.

Sunday morning the Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference Executive met before the retreaters returned to their homes.

The retreat was held at the government youth camp, Den Amstel, about eight miles out of Georgetown. Over half of the cost was met by special gifts.

This was the first such experience in Guyana. Missionary Bass, and the twenty-four in attendance plan that it will not be the last. Several remarked "that those who didn't come did not know how much they missed."

## Guyana Pictures



A group of the young people that are members of the Georgetown S. D. B. Church Christian Endeavor Society. Not all who attended are shown. These Guyanese youth are learning how to become leaders in the church of tomorrow and some are in vital roles of responsibility today. Let us pray for them that they will "grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."



The Wai Wai Indians were brought from the interior to the coast by the Guyanese government especially to build this *benab*. No nails were used, only vine "ropes" to tie it all together. The waterproof roof is made of overlapping trulie leaves. Named "Umana Yana," a term of the Wai Wais meaning "a meeting place of the people" it was used in July 1972 as a show place where the Guyana government hosted the foreign ministers of other governments in a special meeting.



The Ramcharran family on the steps of their new house. The father is a seasonal worker as a sugarcane cutter. Some needed help has been given this family by our brethren in Guyana. (It appears that at least one of Missionary Bass' children is also in the picture.)

## An Example of Sacrificial Giving

While perhaps much of the support of OWM and your Missionary Society comes out of the abundance of Seventh Day Baptists, there have always been a great number of individuals who have been giving above and beyond their means, yet out of a glad and sacrificial attitude. A recent example of this came with a check recently.

This individual, a long-time member of one of our churches, observed her ninety-fourth birthday in 1972. It was a glad day and in spite of poor vision she welcomed nearly forty guests who came to wish her a "Happy Birthday." Later in the year she had a fall which resulted in a broken hip. Her friend writes, "With her steadfast faith and lots of courage, supplemented by prayers of many, she has recovered enough to be back at the home. With help and a walker she can walk, but only with a nurse to help. I had the privilege of taking to her fourteen dollars which was sent in part payment of a loan she made years ago. She lost no time in saying, 'I want you to send \$10 of this to the Missionary Society.' At Christmas time she said, 'I haven't a cent,' so I think this is an example of sacrificial giving."

We do too!

In the parable Jesus told of the widow

and the giving of her mite. So in our day a widow is giving her all for the work of the Lord. It should challenge each of us who have so much more to be more sacrificial in our giving. If we were, no one would have to say anything about reaching budget goals or needing funds for entering open doors of opportunity to preach the gospel. In 1973 will you join this lady, now in her ninety-fifth year, and become an example of sacrificial giving?

At Makapwa Station, Malawi . . .



Pastor Mataka

**HIS LIFE**

**VS.**

**THE RIVER**

Many Seventh Day Baptists remember meeting Pastor Watson Mataka at Conference in Amherst in 1971. He was one of the representatives from the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi. Early in January word came that he had had "quite a scrap with his life versus the river." Recently, in a personal letter, he shares this experience:

"God has purpose for doing what He did for me.

"There is a big river, Thuchila, near Makapwa Station. One day, I almost lost life in this river. One of the families of Makapwa Church lost a child by death. The burial took place on the eighteenth of December. Two of us at the Station accompanied by one of the members went across the river to the funeral. At twelve o'clock the burial service was over. We took our way home. At the place where we were to cross, there is an island which divides the river in two. We crossed the first division on to the island. After the island we noticed that the second division of river was too high

for us to go across it. So we thought and decided to return back to land where we were coming from. To our surprise we found that the water of the river division we crossed was too high to cross also. My companions attempted to cross, and they made it with hardship. When they experienced the danger, they advised me not to try it so I was on the island. Soon I was surrounded by water, the land on the island was under water. Many big stones were covered by water. The one stone only where I stood was spared from sinking.

"News was spread and many people came from both sides of the river and stood by the river. They all lost hope for me. So I did.

"But one of them offered his life for me. He brought a big and long rope to me by swimming. The swimming was difficult because the water was flowing rapidly. However God helped him to manage it. There he brought the rope to me on to the stone where I stood in the middle of the river. He tied it round my waist and asked me to hold it too. So I did.

"The people on the land of the station side unitedly pulled me and I was saved. The rope gave a picture of Jesus Christ as a rope thrown to the earth by God with which we are saved.

"God has purpose for doing what He did for me on that day. December 18 is one of the remarkable days of my life."

Pastor Mataka serves eight churches and branches near Makapwa Station in Malawi, as well as being the treasurer for Makapwa Station. He further writes, "Time seems to be going by very rapidly for here. The time runs short. Still there is much to be done before the Lord comes to earth again."

Let us praise the Lord for sparing our brother's life and let us uphold our brother and the work he is called to do in intercessory prayer!

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for February 24, 1973

**THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME**

Lesson Scripture: Zechariah 8:1-8, 11-13

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

*Deaconess Bernice Van Horn gives her*

**Statement of Faith and Belief**

at the Ordination Service  
at Alfred Station, N. Y.

Since my early church remembrance a deacon or a deaconess, as the pastor, was a very special person of the church . . . of the community. Deacon Will Langworthy was one of the first I remember. Some time ago when rereading the book of Timothy I was impressed by Paul's list of requirements for a deacon. It's right there in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

That we were asked to be members of the diaconate of this church makes me feel such warmth and deep humility. I have read the *Manual of Procedures* for the Seventh Day Baptist Churches and our church constitution as to the duties. Yes, and I have read First Timothy again. Questions in my mind immediately follow: Am I worthy? Can I meet the enormous responsibilities? Only with God's help, and with that I will do my best.

My beliefs: I believe in the one perfect God, Planner, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, a loving and forgiving Father.

I believe God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, to demonstrate and to teach man how to think, act, and live with compassion and love as in Matthew 7:12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law . . ." And from the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

I believe the Old Testament of the Bible is the record of an ancient people and their relationship with God, including prophecies pertaining to Jesus Christ. The New Testament relates God's desires for all people through the life and teachings of Jesus. He interprets for us God's rules of conduct, the value of faith and the importance of prayer. "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

The value of faith has been experienced many times. It keeps one on secure ground. There have been times of

decisions, times of concerns when the faith that God never closes a door without opening another brings one through the problem.

Prayer is our communication with God to say "thank you" when a loved one returns home after months of living in danger—for the return to good health of a dear friend—for a beautiful sunrise. So many times when problems seem overpowering I've prayed, "Thy will be done." "Thy will be done." It was Victor Hugo who wrote, "Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."

An incident which is most vivid occurred while we were still in Albany. A certain Wednesday was to be a day of special meetings and policy decisions. It was a dreaded day; there were persons involved who had opinions which they expressed *definitely* and it was difficult to understand their thinking. It was to be a rough day. My soul was on its knees all that day. I couldn't ask for the situation to be removed—some issues must be faced. Over and over it was, "Please, give him the strength and courage he needs. Please, be with him today." Late in the afternoon he returned and appeared as though a weight had been lifted. When asked how the problem developed he said, "I found I had the courage to do what needed to be done." It was one of those times when you have to go by yourself for a moment of thankful prayer.

I believe man is God's greatest creation, made in His image of personality and nature, and carries a great moral responsibility. We humans are God's tools to make a more perfect world. Jesus Christ shows us the way. With His example and the Holy Spirit in us, great things can be done.

Any behavior which is contrary to God's rules is sin. We learn to repent and seek God's forgiveness. Salvation is God's gift, and His Son, Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins.

I believe the Church is made up of all peoples combined by the Holy Spirit into one body with Christ as an example and its head. Local churches make for

closer fellowship, meet common needs, and help in ministering aid to those in problem circumstances.

I believe the Sabbath — the seventh day designated in the beginning — is the holy time blessed by Jesus as the day for worship and rest.

I believe in baptism by immersion as the symbol of acceptance of Jesus as the personal Savior and the pledge to a new life.

According to the *Manual of Procedures*, the duties of the diaconate members are — To lead in the absence of the pastor, To assist the pastor in the administration of ordinances, To assist the church in its ministry to those in distress. I will do my best.

—Bernice Van Horn

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

#### Pray for:

- 1) That we may first individually and then collectively find our place in the Key '73 effort to present Christ to our whole continent.
- 2) That we may consecrate at least one tenth of our income to our church and Our World Mission.
- 3) That we may individually and denominationally find the right balance between continuing our present work and entering the doors that are opening to us at home and abroad.
- 4) That we may more effectively use the printed word — tracts and special issue *Recorders*.

### Where Was God?

The distracted father of a soldier who died on the battlefield came to a gospel minister with the question, "Where was God when my son was killed?"

"Just where He was when His own Son was killed," was the jarring response of the minister.

## 1972 OWM Contributions

The contributions of churches to Our World Mission in 1972 were considerably higher than in 1971, which seems to indicate that our people in general must have had a reasonably good year and that they have caught some of the vision of their part in the expanding world work of Seventh Day Baptists. It should be noted, however, that we fell \$2,000 short of raising the budget. The figures from the treasurer also show \$4,500 from individuals in the last month, much of which, we understand, was not really current giving.

A comparison between 1971 and 1972 can be made by referring to *The Sabbath Recorder* of January 29, 1972. It will be observed that the highest figure for any church in 1971 was 11,500. In 1972 there were two churches above \$13,000, Milton and Shiloh. Sending in to the treasurer between \$7,000 and 10,000 were Alfred, Riverside, and Westerly; between \$5,000 and \$7,000 were Battle Creek, Denver, Los Angeles, and Plainfield; between \$3,000 and \$5,000 were Ashaway, Lost Creek, Marlboro, North Loup, and Salem. There were fifteen churches contributing in 1972 between \$1,000 and \$3,000. The previous year there was only one church above \$10,000, two more above \$7,000, five above \$5,000 and sixteen between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

Those in the higher brackets of giving are, generally speaking, the stronger churches. However, there may be more achievement and more sacrificial giving on the part of some of the smaller churches. For instance, a church of about 100 members that gives to denominational work nearly \$6,000 has a per capita average of almost \$60. One or two smaller churches had a higher rate. If all of our churches had given at that not-very-high average we would have had some \$300,000 rather than less than half that amount. It would appear that we are still below our potential and that greater devotion by a greater number would bring greater blessing.

—L. M. M.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**DODGE CENTER, MINN.**— During the annual business meeting held January 7, we extended a call to Pastor John Camenga to serve us for another year. The reports of officers and committees were represented prior to the traditional chicken and biscuit dinner served at noon by the ladies. We also enjoyed the filmstrips and tape recordings about our mission work in Malawi, Africa, and the church in Seattle, Wash.

Sheila Crane is our new president with Lorna Zincke and Lois Pederson being reelected clerk and treasurer, respectively. Phil Greene was elected for a term of three years to work with Bob Austin, chairman, Arden Crane, and Steve Greene on the Board of Trustees.

The Music Committee headed by Linda Camenga and Lorna Austin as chorister and assistant, has been very busy securing information about pianos and secured a demonstrator for our use during the holiday season. We authorized them to purchase the piano we had been using.

Meals of Sharing will continue to be held the last Sabbath each month, except December, with the first quarter's receipts being used towards the piano.

We are thankful that there were no deaths in our membership last year. Diane (Lippincott) Merchant transferred her membership to the North Loup, Nebr., church where her husband, Tom, is now a member. Duane Pederson transferred his membership here from New Auburn, Wis. Mrs. Edith Kramer, a former member, is living in Dodge Center now so again joined our church. Mrs. Bill (Betty) Bond also joined the church recently. We are deeply thankful for the contribution these people make to our fellowship.

—Correspondent

**NEW AUBURN, WIS.**—The youth group was host to the North Central Association group at the Adventist Camp in Chetek, Wis., in the fall. The Rev. Mr. Francis of Eau Claire was the speaker. Seventy young people attended.

The Sabbath School Christmas program was dignified and befitted the birthday of a King. Coffee and cookies were served in the dining room afterward and gifts were exchanged.

The annual business meeting was held January 14 at the church with a dinner. It was voted to change the annual business meeting to July, and to ask our present slate of officers and pastor to hold over to that time. We will have the Rev. John Pettway of Washington, D. C., here for lessons in evangelism in February and the Rev. Delmer Van Horn of the same church to assist in the Key '73 program with the other churches in the village in May. He will teach the role of the layman in Christian witnessing.

—Correspondent

## Accessions

SALEM, W. VA.

#### By Baptism:

Annette Stroud  
Patty Semenick  
Rochale Goodson (Miss)  
Jean Gray  
Charles Clement  
James Wilson  
Perry Cain

#### By Testimony:

Bessie Kelley

#### Associate Members:

Christine Ayars  
Jerry Beightol  
Carol (Mrs. Jerry) Beightol  
Leon Clare  
Paul Davis  
Larry Graffius  
Ronald Probasco  
Robert Richardson  
Loren Ross  
Cheryl (Mrs. Alfred) Rogers

## Births

**Martin.**— A son, Gary David, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin of Salem, W. Va., Aug. 28, 1972. Mrs. Martin is the former Rebecca Hurley.

**Smith.**— A son, Shawn Aivin, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dorsey Smith of Glassport, Pa., Dec. 8, 1972. The mother is the former Brenda Davis of Salem, West Virginia.

**Criss.**— A daughter, Melisa Dawn, born Dec. 13, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Criss of Clarksburg, W. Va. Mrs. Criss is the former Toni Davis of Salem.

## Obituaries

**BURKHART.**— Mrs. Addie Lee, daughter of Lloyd and Sarah Davis Cottrill was born August 27, 1877, in Doddridge County, W. Va., and died Nov. 7, 1972, in a Parkersburg, W. Va., hospital following an extended illness.

She was married in 1920 to Joe Burkhardt, who died in 1934.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Tressie Marple, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mrs. Anna Scott, Parkersburg, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Burkhardt was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. A memorial service conducted by Pastor Paul Green was held at the Harbert Funeral Home in Salem, with burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

—J. P. G.

**DUNN.**— Nellie E. Ryno, daughter of John and Prudence Amermon, was born in Griggstown, N. J., August 14, 1885, and died in Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1972.

A life-long resident of New Jersey, she was married on June 6, 1904, to William Henry Ryno, who died October 24, 1936. To this union were born two children.

She was married to Walter Dunn, Sept. 2, 1939, who died Dec. 22, 1953.

During her last few years she had been living with her son in Edison, N. J., with frequent visits to her daughter in Alfred, N. Y.

She was a member of the New Market Seventh Day Baptist Church, and later a member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ.

Surviving are one son, Mr. Stanley Ryno of Edison, N. J., and a daughter, Anna May (Mrs. Lynn) Langworthy of Alfred, N. Y., grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held from the Mundy Funeral Home, Dunellen, N. J., with her pastor, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiating. Interment was in the White Church Cemetery, Edison, N. J.

—H. E. S.

**PALMITER.**— Louis O., son of Albert and Harriet Babcock Palmiter, was born March 6, 1876, in the Town of Albion, Wis., and died in Caravilla, Janesville, after a short illness, Dec. 29, 1972.

Louis' grandfather and three brothers came to the Town of Albion with land grants signed by President John Tyler in the early 1840's.

Louis attended Albion Academy. He was married June 17, 1908, to Carolyn E. Thompson, in North Stonington, Conn. She died in 1967. They farmed on the homestead farm in the Town of Albion from 1909 until retiring in 1944. He specialized in the raising of purebred Guernsey cattle. He was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Marion) Robson, Palmetto, Fla.; two sons, Albert

and Harry, both of Madison; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zada Palmiter, Madison.

Funeral services were conducted from Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, the Rev. A. Addison Appel. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion. —A. A. A.

**ST. JOHN.**— Nellie Crandall, daughter of DeValois and Alice (Crandall) St. John, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1884, and died in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains, N. J., Dec. 21, 1972.

In 1897 Miss St. John's family moved from Leonardsville to Plainfield, N. J., where she spent the rest of her life. She was educated in Plainfield public schools. During her adult life she was employed by the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, the Spicer Company of South Plainfield, and the Scotch Plains public school system. She was a life-long member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sister, Miss Evalois St. John of Plainfield, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held on Sabbath, December 23, with her pastor, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, officiating. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery.

—H. E. S.

**WILSON.**— Ethel May, the daughter of the late Carlton Wadsworth Wilson, and Lena Hoffman Wilson, was born June 3, 1914 in Philadelphia, Pa., and died in the American Oncologic Hospital, Cheltenham, Pa., Jan. 26, 1973, where she had been a patient since December 26.

Ethel was first of all a Christian, and anything else she did was guided by her Christian conviction. Evidence of her faith was the fact that she had to drive at least sixty miles (one way) to attend the church services, and very seldom did she miss. When she had to give up her church work in November because of failing health, she was superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sabbath School, supervisor of the Junior C. E., and part-time teacher of the Mothers' and Teachers' Class. After Jersey Oaks Camp was established she became a regular on the staff.

For the past 15 years she was principal of the Rowland Elementary School in her home town of Cheltenham, Pa., where she was highly respected by the teachers, pupils, and parents.

She is survived by a brother, Carlton Russel Wilson, and a nephew, Carlton Wadsworth Wilson, who lived with her.

Since it was Ethel's request that her body be given to science, there was no funeral service. However, there were two memorial services held, the first on Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 27, in the Shiloh Church with the pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond in charge, and the second on Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the Rowland Elementary School. —C. H. B.

## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM Budget Receipts for December 1972

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'	
	December	12 mos.	12 mos.	December	12 mos.	12 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY ..	150.00	\$ 926.75	\$ 60.00	Milton Jct WI ....	99.90	1,040.60	30.00
Albion WI .....	102.51	960.53	170.00	Monterey CA .....		529.60	
Alfred NY .....	1,096.51	7,180.66	325.00	New Auburn WI .....	60.32	876.43	134.19
Alfred Sta NY .....	252.00	2,969.55	20.00	New Milton WV .....	50.00	565.06	
Ashaway RI .....	299.00	3,844.50	173.05	New Orleans LA .....		15.00	
Assns & Groups	2,295.23	3,056.43	2,277.25	North Loup NB .....	200.00	3,223.55	20.00
Battle Creek MI ..	953.29	5,817.43	310.00	Nortonville KS .....	204.84	2,561.34	150.00
Bay Area, CA .....		628.00		Ohio Fellowship .....		662.00	120.00
Berea WV .....	191.53	611.35	20.00	Paint Rock AL .....		435.00	50.00
Berlin NY .....	261.00	1,915.91	45.00	Plainfield NJ .....	964.05	5,723.19	503.50
Boulder CO .....	276.93	1,909.91	407.28	Putnam Cnty FL .....			
Brookfield NY .....	223.62	758.72	50.00	Richburg NY .....	309.25	2,377.31	105.00
Buffalo NY .....		576.00	60.00	Riverside CA .....	1,131.00	7,218.72	80.00
Chicago IL .....	100.00	1,510.00	20.00	Roanoke WV .....			
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	1,990.00	266.00	Rockville RI .....	38.25	653.16	30.00
Denver CO .....	869.56	5,387.42	175.00	Salem WV .....	540.00	4,405.00	187.00
De Ruyter NY .....	187.00	930.50	50.00	Salemville PA .....	110.00	924.00	35.00
Dodge Ctr MN .....		2,662.30	50.00	Schenectady NY .....		134.10	30.00
Farina IL .....	91.75	494.75	20.00	Seattle WA .....	50.00	756.00	45.00
Fouke AR .....		214.30	10.00	Shiloh NJ .....	2,658.50	13,045.62	864.00
Hammond LA .....		50.00		Stonefort IL .....	40.00	378.20	75.00
Hebron PA .....	201.00	1,173.09	55.00	Syracuse NY .....	65.00	266.00	15.00
Hopkinton RI .....	150.00	250.00	30.00	Texasarkana AR .....	20.00	80.00	20.00
Houston TX .....		311.00	100.00	Verona NY .....	467.93	2,295.49	92.00
Independence NY	131.25	550.95	105.00	Walworth WI .....	370.00	2,030.00	50.00
Individuals .....	4,549.20	5,777.84	812.81	Washington DC ..	195.00	1,641.30	180.00
Irvington NJ .....		2,220.00	20.00	Washington			
Jackson Ctr OH ..				People's DC .....			10.00
Kansas City MO	83.45	918.95	10.00	Waterford CT .....	230.30	2,837.74	182.00
Leonardsville NY	56.00	682.00		Westerly RI .....	725.25	7,381.66	425.77
Little Genesee NY	145.65	1,967.13	45.00	White Cloud MI	158.72	777.96	20.00
Little Rock AR ..		252.88	20.00				
Los Angeles CA ..	700.00	5,651.70	175.00	Totals	\$25,540.67	\$149,227.23	\$10,508.85
Lost Creek WV ..	1,750.00	3,510.00	107.00	Non-Budget	381.61		
Marlboro NJ .....	739.80	4,692.76	200.00	Total			
Metairie LA .....		250.00		To Disburse	\$25,922.28		
Milton WI .....	896.08	13,789.89	867.00				

### DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 2,667.55
Historical Society .....	20.21
Ministerial Education .....	1,070.85
Ministerial Retirement .....	1,890.88
Missionary Society .....	12,595.80
Tract Society .....	3,720.69
Trustees of General Conference .....	161.67
Women's Society .....	323.34
World Fellowship & Service .....	859.68
General Conference .....	2,609.61
Mission Notes .....	2.00
	\$25,922.28

### SUMMARY

1972 Budget .....	\$162,050.00
Receipts for 12 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$149,227.23
Boards .....	10,508.85
	\$159,736.08
1972 Budget arrears .....	\$ 2,313.92
Percentage of year elapsed .....	100%
Percentage of Budget raised .....	98.6%
Gordon Sanford	
OWM Treasurer	

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## LET'S THINK IT OVER

### Long Wait for Vietnam Peace

The American Jewish Congress welcomed the news of peace in Indochina with a call for material aid in rebuilding Vietnam's cities, towns and farmlands and an era of "social reconstruction" here in the United States.

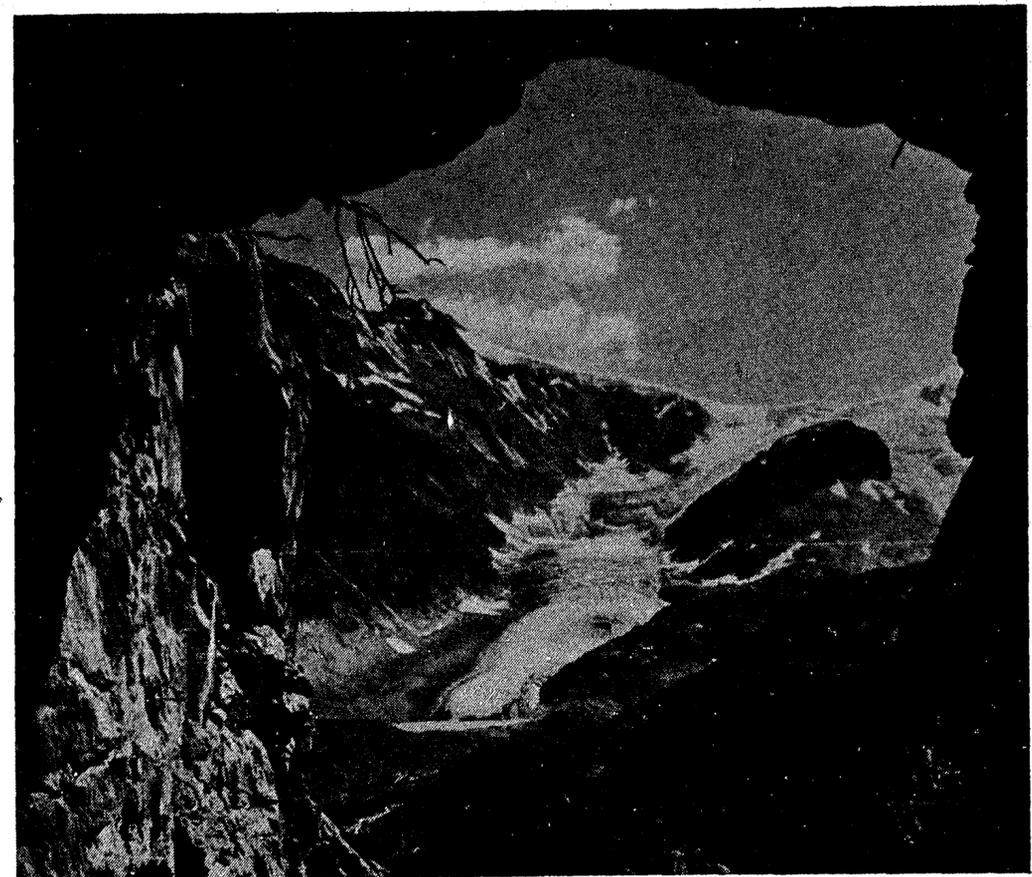
In a statement, Rabbi Edward Klein, chairman of the Peace Committee commented:

"The Vietnam war has been a gruelling and demoralizing chapter in history. It has devastated the countryside of Vietnam and produced unprecedented polarization and bitterness in our land. The physical casualties imposed upon the Vietnamese people have been staggering. And the casualties inflicted upon American morale and self-respect have been deeply wounding.

"Now, thankfully, the end has been reached. But we have waited so long and so eagerly for the laying down of arms that it is difficult truly to rejoice. Celebration seems out of order, yet we take profound consolation in the fact that the killing and the heartbreak finally and at long last will come to a close."

### Isle of Patmos

After 1900 years the Greek Ministry for Culture and Science has designated the Isle of Patmos, thirty-seven miles southwest of the Turkish mainland, a historical monument. John wrote in Rev. 1:9 that he "was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ," when he received the visions of Revelation.



### Wonders of Nature from the Hand of God

A natural window enables the photographer to give us a glimpse of mountain majesties that few of us would otherwise have an opportunity to appreciate. We are reminded of Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."