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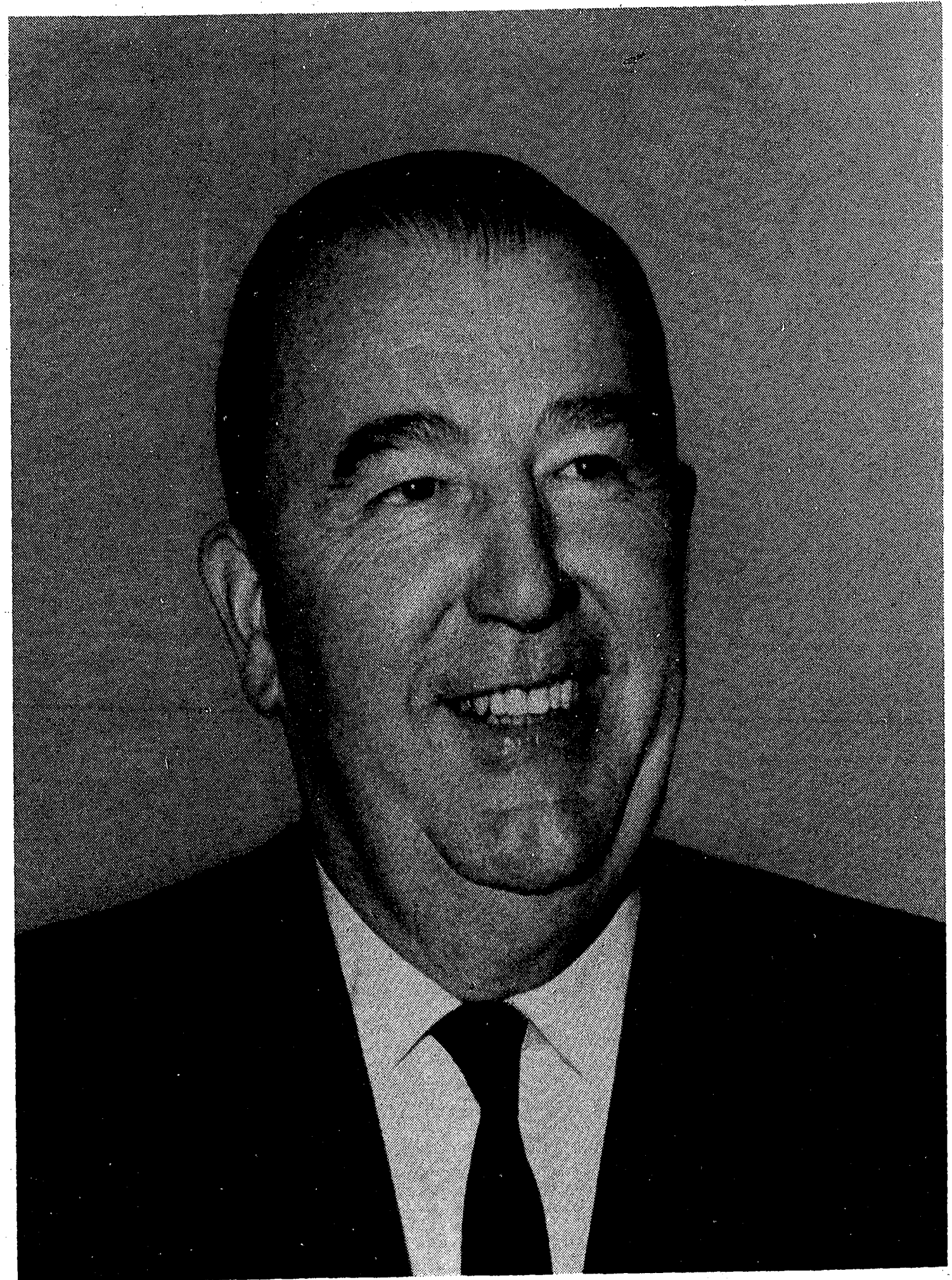
"I would like to see us work together to make the 1974 Conference spirited and fun—a time of relaxation and renewal," Conference President Ernest F. Bond told the Host Committee when it held its first planning meeting this month in Salem. And the committee seemed enthusiastic about working toward that goal as it went to work in preparation for Conference to meet in Salem on the new Salem College campus in August 1974.

President Bond met with the committee to outline his concerns and objectives for the Conference program and plans were made for him to meet again with the committee the first of December. In the meantime the Host Committee, under the guidance of Chairman Melvin Nida, has already begun its work.

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EDITORIAL

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR RANDOLPH

Salem College has designated this year as the "Senator Jennings Randolph Year" in appreciation to the Senator who has served the college as a trustee for fifty years. The *Sabbath Recorder* would like to join in this salute to a great statesman and Seventh Day Baptist Christian.

Senator Randolph was born into a Seventh Day Baptist home in Salem, West Virginia. The Randolph family has been prominent in religious and educational affairs for generations. The Senator's grandfather, Jesse F. Randolph, was the first president of the board of Salem College and served as a trustee from 1889 until 1928. He also was the first donor to the fund for the Seventh Day Baptist headquarters building in Plainfield, New Jersey. Ernest Randolph, the Senator's father, was also a trustee of Salem College serving 1912 - 1923.

At a recent testimonial dinner Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia made some interesting remarks concerning his colleague in the Senate. "Jennings loves two maidens and worships both by golden deeds," Byrd told those attending the dinner. He named the two as Mary Katherine, the Senator's wife, and Salem College. "This sharing of affection has caused no jealousy but has been a source of pride for the family," Byrd continued.

The Randolph's have two sons: Jay, a television announcer in St. Louis, and Frank, an interior designer in Washington, D. C.

Senator Randolph has a distinguished career in government. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1932 and served seven consecutive terms. In 1961 he was elected to the Senate and has served there continuously.

The Senator is widely known for his strong religious convictions. He is a key figure in the Senate Wednesday Prayer Breakfast that meets weekly in the Capitol. He has worked closely with his church, the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he serves as a member of the board of directors. On a denominational level he has served in many ways but more recently as a representative to the North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance.

In 1971, due to the efforts of Senator Randolph, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved an amendment to the Equal Employment Opportunities Enforcement Act, stipulating that an employee will not be forced to work on his day of worship unless it causes "undue hardship" on the employer. The Senator explained that the purpose of his amendment was "to assure that freedom from religious discrimination in the employment of workers is for all time guaranteed by law."

One aspect of the Senator's life which isn't as well known perhaps is his deep concern for handicapped people. Throughout his career in government he has worked untiringly to develop public and private rehabilitation programs for handicapped people. In 1971 the National Rehabilitation Association honored Senator Randolph with the "President's Award." The Association noted that "he was the



foundingsponsor and-or spokesman in behalf of almost all public legislation for disabled persons, including crippled children's services, and programs and services for aged persons and the blind."

In these days of scandal and suspicion in government leadership it is reassuring to know that we do have many men of principle in high positions of national leadership. It is also reassuring to know that position and fame do not have to detract from moral leadership and the belief that government is a sacred trust.

Whether our world is the farm, the factory, the classroom, the home or the legislative hall — Christ does give meaning. Seventh Day Baptists are especially proud of the accomplishments and leadership of Senator Jennings Randolph — statesman, educator, humanitarian — but most of all a Christian gentleman.

GOVERNMENT

"It is hard to stay sober under the onslaught of sounding brass, but William Penn did, and he gave the answer to it. 'Governments,' he said, 'like clocks, go from the motion men give them; and as governments are made and moved by men, so by them they are ruined too. Wherefore governments rather depend upon men than men upon governments. Let men be good and the government cannot be bad; if it be ill, they will cure it. But if men be bad, let the government be ever so good, they will endeavor to warp and spoil it to their turn.'"

—Curtis Bol



TO YOU — THE HONORABLE JENNINGS RANDOLPH

We, the Salem College Board of Trustees, assembled on the second day of July 1973, gratefully recognize the tremendous contributions you have made to Salem College during your fifty years of unselfish and devoted service on this Board and we hereby declare that the academic year beginning on this day and ending the first day of July, 1974, be designated and named "The Jennings Randolph Year of Salem College."

Your achievements have brought great honor to Salem College but you, Jennings Randolph, have done much more for the College. During your fifty years' tenure on the Board you have contributed lavishly of your time and substance; have given to the college your constant, devoted, and unselfish service; have pulled a strong oar in the large growth of the college, both the physical campus and the student body; and have been of incalculable help to the Board.

We look back and we congratulate you, a member of the United States Senate from West Virginia on the continuous fifty years you have served as a member of the governing board of Salem College. You were selected while still a student at college, on July 2, 1923 to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of your father, Ernest Randolph. You are the only board member in the history of the college who has been at the same time an undergraduate student.

While attending Salem College you achieved distinction not only as a student and a gentleman, but also as an outstanding orator, debater, and athlete. Almost single-handedly, you founded the "Green and White," the college newspaper, and served as its editor. You are one of the founders of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association and the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensic Association.

Following your graduation you have had an enviable and most successful career achieving national and international recognition during your many years of service in the United States Congress, first in the House of Representatives and subsequently in the Senate. Your work in the field of aviation has been outstanding, both in the legislative halls and as an executive of one of our large air carriers.

We salute you, Jennings Randolph and thank you most sincerely for giving of yourself to the college, wholly and unselfishly these many years.

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GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF THE PAST WHO WERE SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

by Albert N. Rogers, Historian
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

A list of Seventh Day Baptist governmental leaders in America should begin with Samuel Hubbard, secretary general of Providence Plantations and the Colony of Rhode Island, a member of the Newport Church. Ebenezer David was ordained there before accepting his commission as a chaplain in the Continental Army. Samuel Ward, governor of Rhode Island and its representative at the Continental Congress, joined the First Hopkinton Church as a young planter and died shortly before signing the Declaration of Independence. Peter Miller of the German Seventh Day Baptist cloister at Ephrata, Pa., was commissioned to translate the Declaration of Independence into several European languages. In that same period Joshua Babcock, postmaster at Westerly, R. I., often corresponded with his friend Benjamin Franklin and entertained him at his home.

In the nineteenth century Jonathan Allan of Alfred, N. Y., was active in the first U. S. Geological Survey and a district superintendent of schools. Jephthah F. Randolph of Salem and New Milton, W. Va., was a state commissioner of education. Later Jesse F. Randolph was a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. Thomas Zinn represented the Farina area in the Illinois legislature. Frank Hill, Ashaway, R. I., served some years on the state board of education; and George H. Utter of Westerly, R. I., was Governor of the state while a deacon of the Pawcatuck Church. F. F. Johnson who helped to found the Old Stonefort, Ill., Church, was a medical officer in the Civil War and Darwin E. Maxson of Alfred was a chaplain in the Union Army. One cannot list all who served, but James Crosby and Hosea W. Rood have left valuable journals of their experience in the war between the states.

As we come to the early twentieth century it is difficult to know all who should be listed. David Stillman, now retired in Florida, served with the Connecticut legislature. A. Burdet Crofoot and H. O. Burdick went from Alfred to serve as field directors overseas for Red Cross as Herbert C. Van Horn had done, going from Dodge Center, Minn., during World War I. Seventh Day Baptist chaplains in World War II included Luther W. Crichlow, Leon M. Maltby, Wayne R. Rood and Hurley S. Warren. Dr. George Thorngate served both in the U. S. Navy and as a civilian medical advisor in the Far East. Dr. and Mrs. Willard J. Sutton worked under the Point Four Program in Java. John Reed Spicer was engaged in confidential government service for many years. Last but not least it is recorded that Hon. Jennings Randolph was a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, 1932-46 before his election as U. S. Senator from West Virginia in 1958.

These and others equally worthy follow in the British tradition of Edward Stennett, chaplain in Cromwell's Army, and his grandson Joseph Stennett who was named to write an ode on the coronation of William of Orange. The denomination's service flag in 1919 bore 431 blue stars and 24 gold ones. On the other hand respect has usually been given those who for conscience sake refrained from military service and rendered equivalent nonviolent service. "Long may our land be (so) bright!"

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

LOADS

By Rev. David C. Pearson



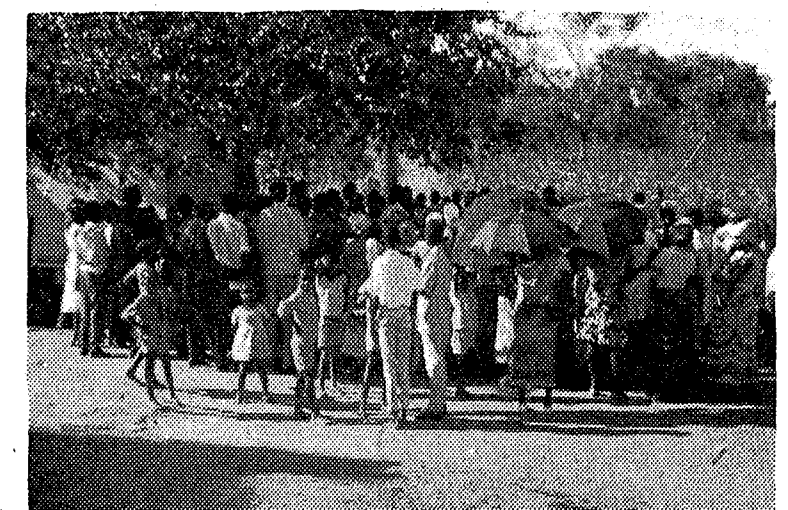
New Van and Camper for MALAWI

Mr. Aisa, Conference clerk, was with me when I collected the Bedford pick-up truck, a long awaited and thrilling experience. From the car dealer, we went to the market where we hoped to secure a table and chairs for the Aisas, who had recently come to Blantyre where Mr. Aisa assists the Conference secretary. Although our mission failed in securing these items, we met some friends who gave us each two hands of bananas, which were put in the truck. One could hardly call it a load.

The next morning, upon receiving word from Mr. Aisa, I returned to town and together we secured the needed furniture, much to the delight of the Aisa family. This assistance was made possible out of money received from the ladies of the Eastern Association in the United States, earmarked for such cases of need. Brother Aisa referred to five other times in which I had rendered assistance to him, and I couldn't help but wonder as to what these other times had been.

On another occasion I visited the clearing section of the Christian Service Committee to pick up a few items, but soon learned that additional items were ready for collection. I came away with about one ton of supplies donated for use by our medical department at Makapwa and Thembe Seventh Day Baptist Stations. Since that time the new truck has carried lime, firewood, and even the newly-made camper to the Northern Region. It was in the camper that this writing was first begun.

Sometimes people are carried rather than goods, and our new Bedford may legally carry up to thirteen. On one oc-



Dedication of New Van

casion I picked up a poorly dressed old man, obviously not used to the privilege of riding in vehicles. When he got out, he said in English, "Thank you, please." I was deeply touched.

Not all loads are measured in hundred weights or number of persons. Figurative loads have to be borne by the people concerned, though these do not laden the springs of a vehicle. Some weeks ago the Lord gave us a good meeting at the Blantyre Church. I preached but during the message it seemed almost impossible to finish. True, my preparation had been inadequate, but also true was the fact that the Devil did not like what I was saying. The power of Christ proved greater, and the message touched hearts, probably more than usual.

After the service, Pastor Manani was conducting a short business session, when a stranger appeared at the door. "Stop telling the people lies," seemed to be the gist of his message. This seemingly was another appearance of the Devil, and his influence has led many to think of Christ

as only the Savior of white men. There seems to be an increase on the part of nonbelievers to become more vocal in their opposition to Christianity, and one wonders what the end is going to be. Christians will do well to draw near their Christ, the only adequate preparation for a rather shaky and uncertain future. Though the ultimate tomorrow will be glorious for the believer, things will get worse, before they get better. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13).

The new truck was secured in time for the annual trip north. A plywood camper was hurriedly built to fit the truck, which though hurried, took a good deal of time. It is a pity that more time was not available for the preparation of heart and mind, as heavy teaching and preaching loads were soon to be borne.

It was a worthwhile trip, perhaps the finest ever made. I was privileged to preach about twenty times, and to teach several sessions. We visited nine places, and covered over 1,450 miles and were away nearly one month. In our meetings it was not uncommon for people to walk to the front in pursuit of better relations with God. Most of those who came forward had already known some form of Christian experience, but felt the need to repent and return to the Father's favor. At the Northern Association held near our Luwazi Church, our daughter Joanna stood with nine others. She was willing to make public her prior profession of faith.

We rejoice that lives were touched, and are delighted that we were privileged to have had a part, serving as "laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

MEMORY TEXT

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." —Romans 12:2

A REST UPON THE WAY

by Rev. John A. Conrod

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

How does it feel to stop in a strange town and call on someone whom you don't know and have never met? Will the people be friendly? Will they be glad to have you drop in? Or will they be pre-occupied and tell you they are not interested?

Since beginning my ministry as the coordinating field pastor for the Pacific Coast Association, I have been doing precisely that; and I have visited in scores of homes throughout the West Coast and have met many people who have responded in almost all the various degrees possible. A few have been very discouraging to me, especially after driving miles off the main routes to look them up, knowing that a relative that they had not seen for a long time had asked me to see how they were getting along. A few more at the other end of the spectrum have even treated me as if I were a long-lost relative (and of course I am a brother in Christ) and expressed their desire to have closer contact with other Seventh Day Baptists. The vast majority, however, are generally warm and friendly when I come, opening up to fellowship and prayer and often insisting that I stay longer and accept more of their hospitality.

Most of the problems of fellowship stem from the vast distances that these people are from each other and from an established Seventh Day Baptist church. Their location is often due to health problems solved by the climate in their locality, their spouse's vocational position, or other difficulties beyond their control which keeps them from moving nearer a Seventh Day Baptist church.

While praying and seeking God's guidance in this problem, I felt His leading to

launch a plan of outreach to be called the Seventh Day Baptist "Sabbath WAYside" program. It is not enough for these people to try to satisfy their fellowship needs by an occasional visit of the field pastor. At the same time there are many Seventh Day Baptists traveling on the road on vacation or for business or other reasons. They possibly have driven within a mile or two of Seventh Day Baptists they don't know. Even if they knew, they may very likely be hesitant to stop by a place they had never visited before to meet people who may not care to have someone drop in so unexpectedly.

To overcome these hesitations, a letter was sent to these "lone(ly) Sabbath-keepers," asking them if they would like to have people who are living nearby or are traveling through their town to join them for a time of informal Christian worship and fellowship. Several have replied and sent back an application form to designate their home as a Seventh Day Baptist WAYside. A directory is being planned to list these places so that anyone traveling will know whether he is near a home that wants to have him stop by and visit. It is hoped that this program will bear fruit for the Lord, and WAYsides will grow to become fellowships, which in turn will grow into churches.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in making their home a Seventh Day Baptist WAYside, please send them the application below. May the One who is the WAY, the truth and the life give His blessing.

WAYside Application Form

We are a Christian family without a nearby Seventh Day Baptist church. We want to open our home to welcome others living nearby or traveling past to join with us on Sabbath days for informal Christian worship and fellowship. We want our home to be a Seventh Day Baptist WAYside.

NAME

ADDRESS City State Zip

List phone no. if call is desired prior to a visit:

Check if visitors are desired on other days as well as Sabbath.....

Would you like a sample WAYside invitation for sending to neighbors?....

(Please list special directions to your home if needed.) Mail to:
Pacific Coast Field Pastor, 99 A Street, Concord CA 94520

Our Prayer Corner

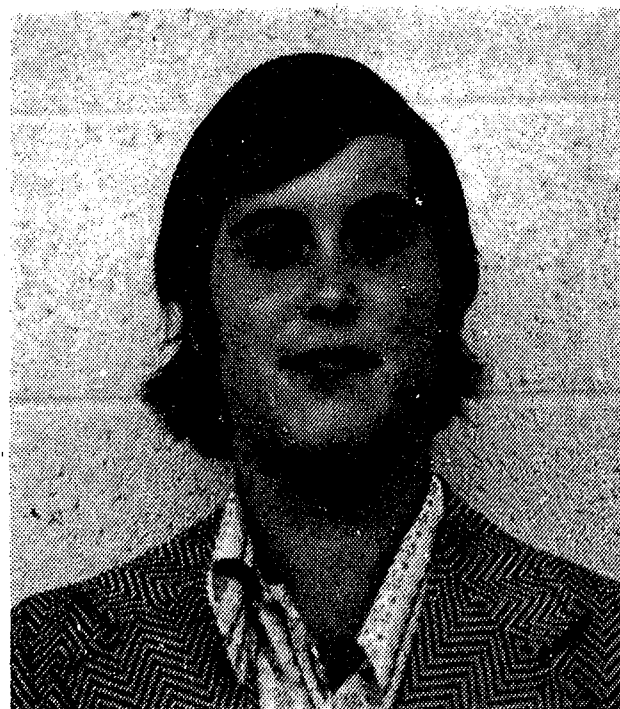
Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The Wycliffe Bible Translators as they seek to reach the some 2,000 tribal groups that still do not have the Word of God in their native languages.
- 2) Peace in the Middle East.
- 3) The work of the field pastor of the Pacific Coast Association, the Rev. John Conrod, as he seeks to minister to the needs of his wide parish.

"WHAT WE CALL
STEWARDSHIP IS NOT
SIMPLY HOW WE SPEND
OUR MONEY OR OUR
TIME. IT IS HOW WE
SPEND OUR LIVES."

Perry Cain of Salem, W. Va.,
a freshman at Salem College, shares
his "Ultimate Experience"



HOW I BECAME A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

As I sit here writing this testimony of my faith in Jesus Christ, I listen to the rain falling outside my window on this beautiful June night. I realize that I am not worthy of even seeing the rain fall or any of God's many blessings. I want to snuggle up in His love and let myself be swallowed up in it. But then I look back out my window and watch the rain come down, and I am reminded that He is here with me. I see His beautiful and cleansing spirit in the rain, if only I could put it all down in words.

However, while I feel inspired I would like to share with you my testimony of becoming a Christian. First of all I was born and reared in a Sunday-keeping home. My parents saw that our family was in church every Sunday but during the week you could never tell it. It seemed that we argued and quarreled over the simplest things. Finally I began to resent church because I felt hypocritical about it. Then we stopped going to church at all. Then about two years ago some friends invited me to attend church with them. I thought it was a little weird that they attended church on Saturday. It just happened that this particular Sabbath the keeping of the Sabbath day was stressed. Then and there I decided that Saturday was the day that I should keep holy. This decision resulted in a year's struggle with my parents over my new belief. Naturally they didn't think I was serious about changing my day of rest. They called me a hypocrite and a fanatic feeling that the only reason I wanted to change was because of my friends who attended church on Saturday. Perhaps at first they were correct. However the more I studied the Sabbath the more I became convinced of this truth. Finally in July 1972, I was baptized and received into membership of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. After that long struggle with my family I had to realize that I had won the victory over Satan by not giving up my convictions.

But I felt there was still something missing. I had been baptized with water, but I had not received the Holy Spirit. As I write this I remember a passage in Luke where the people of the times questioned John the Baptist as to whether he was the Messiah or not. His reply was: "I baptize you with water; but there is someone who is far greater than I who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." My problem was that I had been baptized but had not fully surrendered my life to Jesus. My own evil desires still came before Jesus.

But this situation did not last long. It all passed when I went to Pre-Conference

"Pre-Conference was a beautiful experience which brought me to dedicate my life to the Lord."

last year. It was a beautiful experience which brought me to dedicate my life to the Lord. I remember very well that Sabbath Eve as we all sat on the mountain top overlooking Boulder and Denver, Colorado. We were having a time of prayer and testimony in which everyone was enthusiastic and some were hugging each other. I thought to myself, "This is just the happiness I've been waiting for." Right then and there the Holy Spirit filled me and I felt happier and became a new disciple of Christ.

Since then I have become a different person. My friends remember me as a rude person, not caring for anyone but myself. That was all in the past when Christ fully took over my life. I forgot about my past and decided to leave my future up to Christ. In fact, I have decided to dedicate my life to the Christian ministry. I feel that this is what God has called me to be.

The one thing that has helped me to keep my faith growing is my Bible. I am so grateful to God for giving me this instrument in which I can relate every problem. It is truly the answer to all my problems. I highly recommend all of you to take all your problems to God and His word. In it you will surely find your answers as did I.

One more thing I would like to say is that ever since I received the Holy Spirit I have had a burning desire to let everyone I meet hear the good news. I would like to see this burning desire come to every person in this denomination. For Jesus Himself commended us to make disciples of everyone. This command includes not just our close friends, but everyone. This of course would include our enemies and those people we don't usually associate with. I believe that it is our duty as Christians to spread the good news to everyone. We must first rid ourselves of any prejudices we might have. If we have grudges and jealousy with our brothers whom we can see, how can we love Jesus who died long ago and we never did see in the flesh?

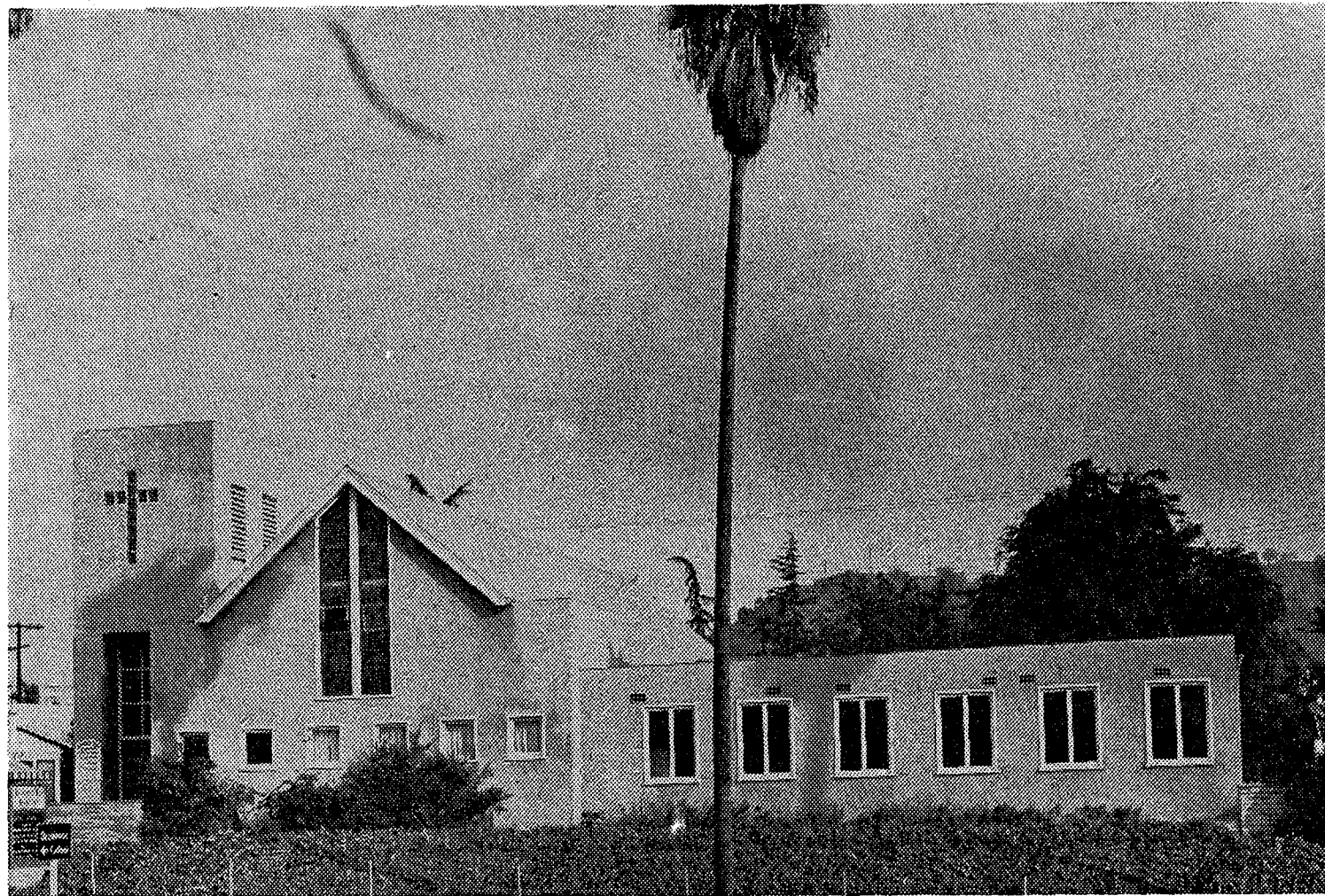
I pray that the Holy Spirit has inspired some of the readers of this testimony to begin a new and exciting witness for Christ. If you aren't really convinced about your role in the spreading of this good news I would urge you to read the book of Acts. This book tells us about the great rewards we will receive as a direct result of our faithful witnessing. I guarantee that if you become a witness you too will have a great experience in your life. I have received this experience and there is nothing that can compare with it. Praise the Lord !!!

**CHRIST IS
THE ANSWER**

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 3, 1973

LIFE IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
Lesson Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 and
1 Corinthians 12:12-13



Los Angeles Church

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— More than 100 relatives and friends gathered on the evening of Aug. 18 to celebrate the 90th birthday of "Aunt Laura" Cooper.

The surprise party was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

Born in Kansas on Aug. 25, 1883 and widowed after only three years of marriage, she moved to California and worked for many years as maternity nurse with Dr. Albert Hill. Scores of her "babies" still keep in touch with "nursie" and through the years she continues to follow them through their careers although they are scattered throughout the country and in other lands.

In 1927 she was married to Frank Cooper and except for three years spent in Michigan, their home was in Los Angeles.

She is active in the Los Angeles church where she serves on the Advisory Council and as a trustee, emeritus.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— The congregation of the Los Angeles church joined Rodney and Camille Henry in a beautiful Commitment Service on Sabbath morning, September 8. Rod and Camille shared their call from the Lord and spoke of their willingness to go wherever He wants to send them. For some time Rod had intimated that the Lord was calling him into the ministry of evangelism. They related the blessings of sharing their faith at Milton during Conference and conversing with our denominational leaders of their availability to serve now. They said that currently they plan to team up with "Light Bearers for Christ." Many came forward and gathered round Rod and Camille as they prayed His continued blessing upon them. Everyone joined them in a fellowship circle and sang "God Be with You." A love offering was presented to the Henrys.

Pastor Leland Davis challenged Mr. Henry with these words from Scripture: "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." You are urged to join the Los Angeles church in praying for the Henrys that the Lord will use them as He sees and knows best.

L. E. D.

CRITES MOUNTAIN, W. VA.— Good news has come in to the *Recorder* office regarding the Crites Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Mission. Mr. Clayton E. Pinder, a CPA, and his family are now living in Summersville and are providing much needed leadership of the mission.

Services have been conducted every other week since April with an average attendance of over 15. The inside of the church has been refinished and plans are under way for the purchase of an organ. In the past, it has been difficult to conduct services in the winter. However, stone has been purchased, improving the road which will hopefully permit year-round services. A four-day Bible School was conducted with good attendance and interest.

Let us pray for the work of this mission deep in the hills of West Virginia.

growth and our opportunity to act effectively as God's tools in the Lincoln area. God is guiding us and He does have a purpose for us. We have all grown, spiritually and in maturity since last year. The base is still being built but now we have a foundation to build on. God has carefully selected a body of Christians replete with all the necessary gifts, talents and experiences necessary to "edify the saints," "preach the gospel," and to grow toward Him. It is our job to lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Therefore our concerns are on the growth of each member toward God and in understanding His purposes for us individually and collectively. Any growth in numbers or toward a church will come as God wills it and as we grow in enthusiasm about our relationship with God.

—Jean Jorgensen

LINCOLN, NEBR.—On September 15 the Lincoln SDB Fellowship held its first Sabbath service after a three month summer break. We have about twenty members this year. Many have returned from last year and there are several new faces. The North Loup church is supporting us by having one or more families with us each time we meet, as well as giving prayer support.

We have arranged to rent an American Baptist church until next June. Correspondence can be directed to:

The Lincoln Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship

c/o American Baptist Church
4000 Sheridan, Lincoln, Nebr. 68508

At our October 20 meeting we will decide officers and the delegation of duties. Last spring we gave consideration to operating a booth at the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln but decided to wait and reconsider the project for this next year's fair.

This fall we are centering our attention—sermons and discussions—around the book *Body Life* by Ray C. Stedman. We are encouraging each member to be involved in individual or group Bible study sessions on the campus or in our respective communities and then to discuss our experiences with one another.

We are excited about our chances for

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Students Oppose Parochial

The nation's youth leaders are strongly opposed to parochial, according to a new survey of the 105,000 high school juniors and seniors listed in the 1971-72 *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. The students, selected by school principals and clergymen for their "demonstrated leadership" in academics and community service, oppose public subsidies for parochial and private schools by a margin of 57 percent to 38 percent.

This level of opposition is roughly the same as that of adults, as registered in opinion polls and referendum elections.

Of the students polled, 31 percent were Roman Catholic, although Catholics make up less than 25 percent of the U. S. population. Further, 20 percent of the students polled were from private or parochial schools, although only 10 percent of the nation's students attend such schools.

—Church-State News Service

STUDENT WEEKEND CONFERENCE

The first Weekend Conference of the school year for Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students was held at denominational headquarters in Plainfield, New Jersey, September 28-30, 1973.

Those who attended included Melvin and Yvonne Stephan of Salemville, Pennsylvania; Robert Harris and Linda Davis of Ashland, Ohio; John and Ruth Anne Peil of Covina, California; and Robert and Nelta Babcock of Sioux City, South Dakota.

Seminars were conducted by the dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education and Miss Florence Bowden of Shiloh, New Jersey.

Mr. Stephan is a senior at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Harris is a middler at Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio; Mr. Peil is a junior at American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, California; and Mr. Babcock is a junior at North American Baptist Theological Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Participants were guests of the members of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church for whose hospitality we are most grateful.

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SUMMER INSTITUTE, 1974

Tentative dates for the Summer Institute, for Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students and pastors are June 10-28, 1974. The topic for presentation and study will be, "Philosophy of the Sabbath."

THANK YOU

The editor would like to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lowther of Salem for their aid in securing photographs and information for the salute to Senator Randolph.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

by Dorothy Parrott

The Committee on Christian Social Action presented two statements on military service to the General Conference when it convened in Milton, Wisconsin, in August.

The Sabbath Observance Statement asks that those in authority would give consideration to anyone in the military services who requested to be relieved of his duties on Saturday in order to observe the Sabbath. Specific reference is made to regulations in each branch of the service that deals with this matter. The Conference adopted this statement.

The other recommendation concerned conscientious objection. The position of this statement is that Seventh Day Baptists support anyone who, because of the dictates of his conscience, feels it is his duty to (1) engage in active service, (2) request CO status, or (3) refuse to cooperate with the military. In any case, the individual must be ready to bear the consequences of his decision.

The General Conference voted to refer this recommendation back to the Standing Committee. The paper was drafted originally by the Core Committee on Social Action, and sent to Commission which made suggestions for minor changes and returned it to the committee for final draft.

After being reviewed and slightly changed by the Conference Interest Committee, the Statement of Seventh Day Baptists on Military Service was presented with recommendation for adoption.

Inasmuch as the committee is at a loss as to how to improve on the statement, it is being sent out to the churches for their consideration. Hopefully, the members of the churches will ask to see the statement and seriously and prayerfully consider it. Some sort of procedure, perhaps a Faith and Action Dialogue, should be established by the church whereby members could form a statement accept-

able to them and return it as soon as possible for consideration by the committee.

Every effort will be made to take your suggestions and draft a statement that can be adopted by the Conference. It is very important to people who are faced with this decision to know the position of the denomination.

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Rev. John Pettway, Assistant Pastor

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Kevin Miles
David Pearson
David Thorngate

By Testimony:

Mrs. Lelia Bishop

Obituaries

BASSETT.—Leon Burdette was born April 9, 1892, in Alfred, N. Y., and died July 18, 1973 in Hornell, N. Y.

He graduated from Alfred University in 1916, where he was a member of two honor societies, Sigma Chi and Keros.

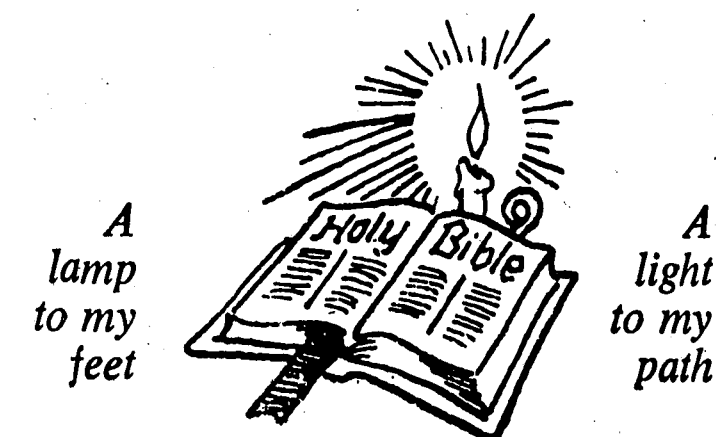
In 1918 he married Rachel Burdick of Westerlo, R. I. To this union were born two children, William and Mrs. James Scholes, both of Geneseo, N. Y. Mrs. Bassett preceded him in death.

Mr. Bassett joined the Alfred University staff in 1932 and the Ceramic College staff in 1938, becoming an associate professor in 1946 and receiving the honorary degree of professional ceramic engineering in 1950. His studies led to patents and successful processes in glaze refractories and abrasive technology.

Surviving are his wife, the former Virginia Foster; his two children; a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter; and his brother, Robert, of Beaver Falls, Pa. —Mary Clare

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FOR NOVEMBER 1973



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

Life in the Christian Community

- 1—Thurs. The Greatest of These Is Love. 1 Cor. 13:4-13
- 2—Fri. Living as Children of God. 1 Thes. 5:12-25
- 3—Sabbath. Put on the New Nature. Ephes. 4:25-31

Living Victoriously in Society

- 4—Sun. Overcome Evil with Good. Rom. 12:14-21
- 5—Mon. The Christians in the State. Rom. 13:1-7
- 6—Tues. Put On the Armor of Light. Rom. 13:8-14
- 7—Wed. Walk in the Spirit. Galat. 5:25-6:10
- 8—Thurs. Walk in Love. Ephes. 5:1-14
- 9—Fri. Be Subject to One Another. Ephes. 5:21-33
- 10—Sabbath. Blessed Are the Peacemakers. Matt. 5:3-11

The Strong and the Weak

- 11—Sun. We Live to the Lord. Rom. 14:1-9
- 12—Mon. Helping Our Brothers. Rom. 14:10-23
- 13—Tues. Bear with the Failings of Others. Rom. 15:1-13
- 14—Wed. Supporting the Weaker Brother. 1 Cor. 8:1-13
- 15—Thurs. Plowing in Hope. 1 Cor. 9:1-11
- 16—Fri. Winning Men for Christ. 1 Cor. 9:15-23
- 17—Sabbath. God Is Faithful. 1 Cor. 10:1-13

Always of Good Courage

- 18—Sun. Rooms in the Father's House. John 14:1-8
- 19—Mon. The Good News You Received. 1 Cor. 15:1-11
- 20—Tues. If Christ Be Not Risen. 1 Cor. 15:12-19
- 21—Wed. Christ the First Fruits. 1 Cor. 15:20-28
- 22—Thurs. How Are the Dead Raised? 1 Cor. 15:35-41
- 23—Fri. It Is Raised in Glory. 1 Cor. 15:42-50
- 24—Sabbath. The Mortal Puts on Immortality. 1 Cor. 15:51-58

Why the Gospel of John?

- 25—Sun. A Witness to Jesus. John 1:6-11
- 26—Mon. "This Is the Testimony." John 1:19-28
- 27—Tues. To Make His Name Known. John 1:29-34
- 28—Wed. To Bring Abundant Life. John 10:7-18
- 29—Thurs. To Bring Peace. John 16:28-33
- 30—Fri. "That the World May Believe." John 17:17-21

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CRYSTAL BAWLING

Who knows what the headlines will be in 1974? We can surmise, however, that some will be as tragic as 1973's . . .

There will be children orphaned, widows left homeless, people's means for making a living lost to floods and earthquakes and the ravages of the greediness of men. Yet there is something more tragic than tragedy. It is the feeling in the face of tragedy that nobody, not even God, cares. It is our God-given privilege to see that that never happens — we who have been blessed with material blessings.

Through funds readily available because they have been set aside in advance, Seventh Day Baptists will be able to send help on the day of crisis. Within hours airplanes laden with needed health supplies, food and the compassion of Jesus Christ are there to be administered in His name because you and other Christians care. YOU are there because as a good steward you prepared, like Joseph in Egypt, BEFORE the famine.

This Thanksgiving time, as you count your blessings, designate a portion of those blessings as a thank offering for the Seventh Day Baptist United Relief Fund through your church so that you may be doubly blessed as you bless others.

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