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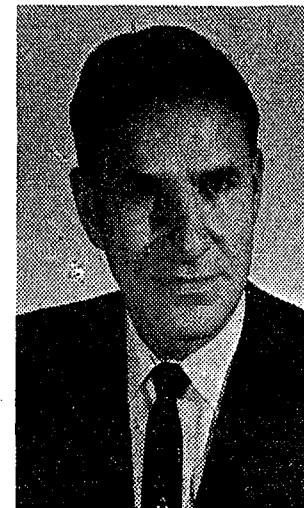
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BJC Highlights . . .

ETHICS AND MORALITY

By Rev. Alton L. Wheeler



Attending the recent Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs meetings in Washington, D. C., proved to be more a briefing than a major decision-making experience. The meetings were hosted October 1-3 at the BJC headquarters located some three short blocks from the Capitol building. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by Delmer Van Horn and by Alton Wheeler who was elected to serve for a second year as chairman of that inter-Baptist organization.

"A Statement of Concern" was drafted and adopted expressing the belief that "separation of church and state . . . does not imply the divorce of religion's basic moral and ethical principles from the conduct of public affairs . . ." The statement concludes with an appeal urging "our people to exemplify and to require character and integrity in both public and private life, and to discharge responsibly their duties as citizens . . ." (The full text of such action appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Several legislative proposals confronting the ninety-third Congress and of particular interest to the BJC were presented and discussed.

It was announced that some fifty pro and con abortion proposals have been presented, and the BJC went on record opposing the Buckley-Hatfield amendment (S.J. Res. 119).

The House Ways and Means Committee has under consideration proposals to liberalize the laws concerning lobbying by tax-exempt organizations. The Muskie bill (S. 1036) "would permit legislative activities on the part of such organizations provided their expenditures of that type

do not exceed more than 20 percent of their overall budget . . ."

The Administration (and some congressmen) have proposed restoration of the death penalty in certain federal offenses with the Administrative bill, S 1401, providing for capital punishment in some cases of murder, treason and espionage convictions.

Welfare Reform bills passed thus far have included the 5.6 percent increase in Social Security benefits, increased benefits to the aged, blind, disabled, the liberalization of the Food Stamp program, and raising the Social Security earnings limitation to \$2,400. The continuing proliferation of additional related bills is in open evidence.

Dr. James Wood, Jr., executive director of the BJC, recently represented six Baptist mission boards, conferences and conventions in appealing for passage of S. 2101 guaranteeing the right of U.S. citizens living abroad to vote in federal elections. Since Seventh Day Baptists have missionaries overseas, they are one of the bodies represented by Dr. Wood.

Other staff papers presented by Dr. Wood and Dr. John Baker, associate director of research were titled "Public Funds and Parochial Schools," and "Taxation and Churches."

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) Peace in the Middle East.
- 2) The Light Bearers as they continue their fall tour. May many lives be blessed by their testimony in word and song.
- 3) The loyal support of all Seventh Day Baptists for our denominational "Our World Mission" budget.

THE ICE CURTAIN

By Eugene Lincoln, editor
The Sabbath Sentinel

Not many years ago, folks in the Western World were concerned about "Iron Curtains" and "Bamboo Curtains"—impenetrable governmental barriers which cut off a free exchange of ideas and people. Today the situation has changed, and these "curtains" have had at least small holes punched into them; and, as a result, there has been a lessening of world tension.

There is, however, in the religious world another type of "curtain" just as divisive. For lack of a better name, it might be called "the ice curtain." It, too, needs to be broken down; the result will be greater harmony among Christians of two varying beliefs.

I have, more than once, smashed against this unseen, and yet very real, barrier. On one occasion several years ago, I was getting acquainted with another to whom I had just been introduced. We soon found that we had several things in common: we were both Christians, of similar age and backgrounds, and our ambitions were much alike. During the conversation, I mentioned casually that I am a believer in the seventh-day Sabbath.

Immediately I could almost feel the sudden chill in the conversational climate. Within a few moments, the "ice curtain" had made a frigid wall separating us from close Christian fellowship.

Why?

Reliving the situation and putting myself in the other man's shoes, I can see that the blame is not all on his side of the "curtain." In the past, some Sabbatharians have doubtless been fired with more zeal than with tact and Christian love. Often there have been accusations



hurled at sincere and devout Christians that they were in the same predicament as murderers, liars, and adulterers because they were keeping the "wrong day."

In reply, the bulk of the Christian world has labeled Sabbatharians as legalists who trust in their own works rather than the grace of God to merit their salvation.

Other less-than-honest methods on the part of some observers of the seventh-day Sabbath, such as not identifying themselves to prospective converts, have caused suspicion among the majority of other Christians.

On the other side, some ministers have gone to the untenable extreme of denouncing Sabbatharians as "ungodly sects" and have put them beyond the pale of Christianity. Laws in some states have caused them to be fined and even imprisoned because they rested on Saturday and opened their stores or did their farm work on Sunday.

Fortunately, in the past few years there seems to be a mellowing of both groups and a growing tolerance of each others' beliefs. But the curtain has not entirely melted yet.

It seems that the words of Abraham to Lot have applicability here. When there had been strife between his and Lot's herdsmen, Abraham said to Lot, "Let there be no strife . . . between me and

thee; . . . for we be brethren."

The idea of our spiritual brotherhood in Christ would be a good starting point in melting the curtain. It is not for us—either Sabbatharians or Sunday observers—to judge each others' Christian experience. We have all presumably accepted Christ as our Savior and are all seeking to follow Him. With this in mind, it would not be hard to take the second step of recognizing and respecting each other's difference in this facet of doctrine. No compromise of our personal belief would result from our enlarging our sphere of love to include the other.

The result would be an enrichment of the religious experience of both groups. All Christians could profit from the joyous and spiritually refreshing weekly experience that the day of rest is to most Sabbatharians. All could be encouraged by the courage of Mrs. John Traske, an early seventeenth-century Seventh Day Baptist who spent over fifteen years in London's Maiden Lane and Gatehouse prisons because of her belief. Sabbatharians could find much food for thought in reading Calvinist Jonathan Edward's writings on the perpetuity of the Sabbath.

Sabbath-observers perhaps need to become less aloof, more willing to cooperate with their Sunday brethren. And the latter need to forget some of their unfounded prejudices and welcome this closer relationship among the two groups.

The days ahead of us may well prove to be trying times for all Christians, whether they regard Saturday or Sunday as their holy day. We need to draw closer together to present a more united front to a world that ridicules the idea of Christian love. If we can melt this—and all other—"ice curtains" that separate us into name-calling groups, we will have good practice in breaking down the far more formidable wall that separates us from those to whom we need to bring the good news of salvation.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 10, 1973

LIVING VICTORIOUSLY IN SOCIETY

Lesson Scripture: Romans 12:9 - 13:1

"A CHRISTIAN SAMARITAN . . ."



How easy it would be to be unconcerned about the misery and calamities in our world today if only that certain lawyer had not stood up to tempt Jesus—

Or if only Jesus had found a nice comfortable dictionary definition of the word "neighbor" —

Or if only He had made it clear that he wasn't talking to me when He said, "Go thou and do likewise."

But He did tell the story. He did include all the "thou's" who heard then and have read since. And because He did, the world has never been the same. It can't be.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

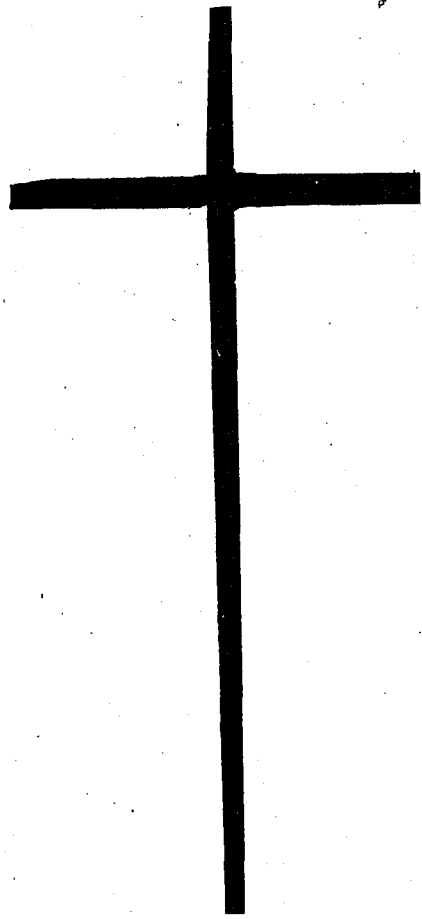
"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend. Ye are my friends if . . ."

November 18, Thanksgiving Sabbath, is your once-a-year opportunity to give through Seventh Day Baptists to all the unfortunates of the world afflicted by natural disaster and man's inhumanity to man. This is all there will be to represent Seventh Day Baptist compassion. How much can you afford to give? How much can you afford not to give?

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LIGHT BEARERS FOR CHRIST



"I never dreamed the Lord would lead me into such service for Him. I have learned so much since joining Light Bearers and the Lord continues to teach me. It's beautiful to see how He is using LBC and to be a part of His work. Praise His Name!" — Patti Jo Pederson

"The Lord has found uses for talents I didn't even know I had. What joy there is in knowing God's will and doing it!" — Phill Osborn

"About two and half years ago, I considered joining Campus Crusade for Christ. But God led me into Light Bearers instead. I'm so happy because I can serve Him in evangelism and be free to keep the Sabbath too!" — Steve Crouch

"I have wanted to be in full-time service for the Lord for a long time. I have prayed for the opportunity and finally the Lord answered my prayer. I have been having a wonderful time serving Him . . . PTL!" — Ewald Fick

"We have to depend on God; and because of faith, God moves. I've experienced this in Light Bearers."
—Chris Pederson

The above comments were made by some staff members of Light Bearers for Christ. We are all excited as we wait upon the Lord, praising Him for the way He has made LBC His Workmanship.

The staff is made up of Christians of all ages who wish to serve and glorify God in an evangelistic organization. We are thankful that the number of staff has been increasing recently.

Called of the Lord into the field of evangelism, Light Bearers offers various ministries at the present time, with more planned for the future. A two-month fall tour has just begun in the East which includes: musical programs, evangelistic meetings, and training in lay evangelism.

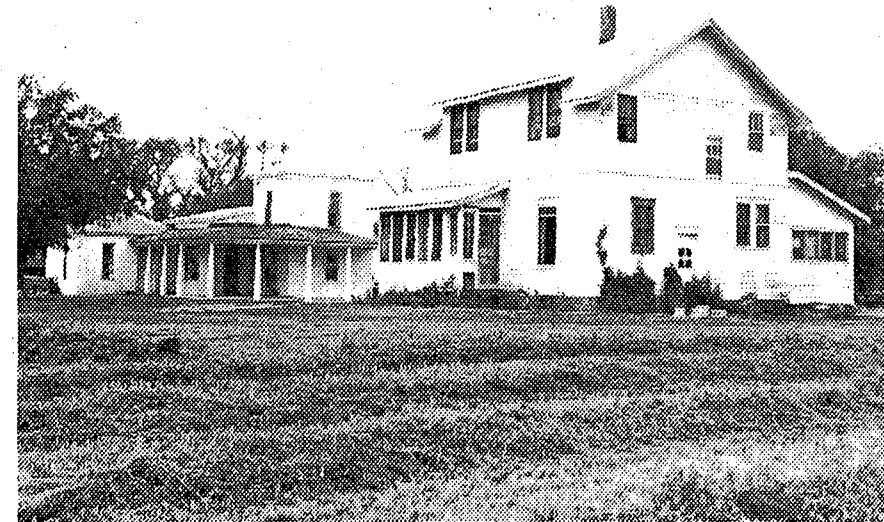
The staff is also available to conduct courses and Bible studies for retreats or camping programs. Because we are concerned that new Christians grow in the Lord, personal follow-up is now being

done with each individual who comes to Christ through our ministry.

Many plans are in the making as we launch out in faith to do this work of evangelism to which we are called. They are all in His hands Who called us, and will be developed as He directs. They include such possibilities as drama teams, campus ministry, correspondence Bible studies, radio ministry, Christian ranching program.

Light Bearers for Christ is financed solely by God's goodness through gifts. Your contributions are tax deductible. We ask that no gifts be given to Light Bearers for Christ that have been previously going to your church or denomination. We want to help build . . . not undermine . . . any of the Lord's work.

Please pray that the Lord will use Light Bearers for Christ in a mighty way to bring many to Jesus so that they might grow in Him.



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Ruth Soper giving her testimony in song.

**"MAKE USE OF THE LIGHT WHILE
THERE IS STILL TIME: THEN
YOU WILL BECOME LIGHT BEARERS."
John 12:36 L.B.**



Light Bearers singing at Conference

Light Bearers for Christ, Inc.

FALL ITINERARY

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

ANNUAL MEETING IN RHODESIA

By L. M. Vumah

The Rhodesia Mission held a camp meeting at their Memeta Mission. The meeting was the second since the work started in Gokwe, the other one held in 1971. The first camp meeting ever held in Rhodesia (for Seventh Day Baptists) was at Selukwe in 1970, attended by Missionary Pearson and family. With the encouragement from these missionaries, the people in Rhodesia were left with the desire to see each camp meeting as the source to witness to the country and increase their fellowship as Seventh Day Baptists.

With this same purpose the Gokwe Camp Meeting was planned. But this year with more experience of the needs of the people, the theme was planned to challenge the people to give. "Giving to the Needs, Our Christian Obligation," was the theme chosen.

The meeting started at 7:00 on Friday, July 6, and continued through the ninth. Although much emphasis was given on orphans and widows, the unsaved people were seen as the most needy people. "These (unsaved) are real orphans. Since

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Waterford, Conn.	Sept 29-Oct 7
Salemville, Pa, German SDB Church	Oct 9-20
Washington, D.C., SDB Church	Oct 21
Shiloh, N. J., SDB Church	Oct 22
Marlboro SDB Church	Oct 23
Ewing Baptist Church Trenton, N. J.	Oct 24
Plainfield SDB Church	Oct 26-27
Berlin/Schenectady SDB Churches	Oct 28
Onondago Community College, Syracuse	Oct 29
Verona SDB Church	Oct 29
De Ruyter SDB Church	Oct 30
Emmanuel Baptist Church Potsdam, N. Y.	Oct 31
Potsdam College, Potsdam, N. Y.	Nov 1
Adams Center SDB Church	Nov 2-3
Central Square SDA Church Central Square, N. Y.	Nov 4
Alfred University	Nov 7
Alfred SDB Church	Nov 7
Richburg SDB Church	Nov 8
Little Genesee SDB Church	Nov 9
Hebron SDB Church, Coudersport, Pa.	Nov 10
Lost Creek SDB Church	Nov 11
Salem SDB Church	Nov 12
Milton College, Milton, Wis.	Nov 16
Milton SDB Church	Nov 17
Milton Jct SDB Church	Nov 17
River Heights Baptist Church Menomonie, Wis.	Nov 18
Dodge Center SDB Church	Nov 18

A STATEMENT OF CONCERN

Believing that separation of church and state does not mean separation of religion from government or politics, nor should it imply the divorce of religion's basic moral and ethical principles from the conduct of public affairs, we voice our concern over some recent developments in public life and reaffirm our commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy.

At a time when there is widespread distrust of government resulting from the abuse of political power, we need to be reminded of the premises upon which our government was constituted. We are gratified that there is today a widespread reaction against this abuse. Indeed, we view this reaction as evidence of the intrinsic strength of our American tradition.

The times call for an affirmation of trust in the basic principles of the American system of democracy. These include: (1) government's powers are derived from the consent of the governed; (2) the harmful potential in any concentration of governmental power makes necessary the distribution of powers among those who make, execute, and interpret law; (3) government is to protect the rights and liberties, and to promote the well-being of all people; and (4) all public officials must be subject to law in both public and private conduct.

In affirming these principles, we express our faith in the ultimate triumph of the right and the truth in a nation whose citizens are dedicated to justice and righteousness in every aspect of life. In this confidence, we urge our people to exemplify and to require character and integrity in both public and private life, and to discharge responsibly their duties as citizens. Moreover, we encourage our Christian young people to seek for themselves a vocation through which they may make their contribution to government and to society in general.

Adopted October 3, 1973
by the
Baptist Joint Committee

THE MID-EAST WAR

The American Jewish Committee, pointing out how current hostilities in the Middle East demonstrated Israel's need for "secure and defensible borders," applauded the positions on the situation taken both by the U.S. Government and by Christian leaders "who have forthrightly condemned the brutal Arab attacks."

In a statement, the Committee expressed hope that the conflict would lead to "new and redoubled efforts to build a just and lasting peace."

The statement reads:

"The American Jewish Committee expresses its shock and outrage at the massive and unprovoked attack launched against Israel by Egypt and Syria on Yom Kippur, the holiest and most sacred day of the Jewish religious calendar.

"We express our solidarity with the people of Israel in their hour of peril and share in the grief for the courageous men and women who have lost their lives in this latest explosion of violence in the Middle East.

"It is tragically ironic that Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban reiterated to the United Nations General Assembly, just one week earlier, Israel's readiness to participate in any new United States initiative to bring Egypt and Israel together to discuss a peaceful settlement.

"We applaud the position of the United States Government in this latest crisis and are heartened by the expression of solidarity by many Christian leaders who have forthrightly condemned the brutal Arab attacks.

"We hope that the folly of their latest aggression will soon become clear to Egypt and Syria, and that the current conflict will serve as a spur to new and redoubled efforts to build a just and lasting peace."

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. It combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews at home and abroad, and seeks improved human relations for all people everywhere.

IF I WERE TO START MY FAMILY AGAIN

John Drescher

"What have you learned from your own experience and through counseling parents? What should I have done differently? I have young children. If your children were small again what would you do?"

These words burst from the burning heart of a father sitting across from me. He was suffering the empty, deathlike feeling a father senses when his son has strayed. He felt he had failed as a father.

And this father's words stay with me. Although they came to me in a direct and blunt way that day, they are not the words of a lone father. In them are the questions which are uppermost in the minds of many parents, if they take parenthood seriously.

What has experience in counseling taught me? Where would I put the emphasis if my children were small again? I've pondered these questions and some things have surfaced.

Love of child's mother. If I were starting my family again, I would love the mother of my children more. That is, I would be freer to let my children see that I love her. It is so easy for parents to assume love, to take each other for granted, and so to let a dullness creep in which can dampen the deepest love.

After I spoke on family relationships to a large group of fathers and mothers, a father approached me and said, "If I understand you this evening you said the greatest thing I can do for my child is to love his mother. Is that correct?"

"That is correct," I answered.

When a child knows parents love each other, there is a security, stability, and sacredness about life which is gained in no other way. A child who knows parents love each other and who hears them ex-

pressing words of love for each other needs little explanation about God's character of love or the beauty of sex.

To let my child know I love his mother, I would seek to be faithful in doing little loving things for her. True love is visible. I would show special kindnesses such as opening the car door, placing her chair at the table, giving her little gifts on special occasions, and writing her love letters when I'm gone from home. I would take her hand as we stroll in the park. And I would whisper loving words about her in the ears of my children. I would praise her in the presence of my children.

Does all this sound sentimental? Then I am persuaded many families need more of this kind of sentimentalism. Love is like a plant. It needs nurture. We must let the things love dictates or it will die.

Listen to my child's concerns. If I were starting my family over again, I would do more listening. Most fathers find it hard to listen. We are busy with the burdens of work. We are often tired when we arrive home from work. A child's talk seems like chatter and unimportant. Yet we can learn so much more by listening than by talking—especially from our children.

I would listen when my child shares his little hurts and complaints, his joys and what he is excited about. I remember as clear as the day it happened the time my busy father listened to me, as a first grader, when I came home frightened about a situation at school. His calmness and concern, demonstrated in listening to me, relieved my fears. I was ready to return the following day full of courage and confidence. Had he simply said my fear was foolish or had he refused to hear me out, my fears would

have grown.

I would seek to keep from staring into space when my child is talking to me. I would try to understand what my child says because I now believe that the father who listens to his child, when he is small, will find that he will have a child who cares what his father says later in life. I now believe there is a vital relationship between listening to a child's concerns when he is small and the extent to which the child will share concerns with his father when he is in his teens. The father who takes time to understand what his child says when the child is small will be able to understand his child later in life.

If my child were small again, I would stop reading the newspaper when he wants to talk with me. And I would try to refrain from words of importance at the interruption. Such times can be the best times to show love and kindness.

One evening a small boy tried to show his father a scratch on his finger. Finally after repeated attempts to gain his father's attention, the father stopped reading and said impatiently, "Well, I can't do anything about it can I?" "Yes, Daddy," his small son said. "You could have said, 'Oh.'"

In listening I would pay more careful attention to my child's questions. It is estimated the average child asks 500,000 questions by the age of fifteen. What a privilege for every parent—a half million opportunities to share something about the meaning of life.

These early years are the years for teaching. And by the time the child reaches fifteen, parents have done most of their teaching. By fifteen the child knows what the parents believe. From now on parents' primary opportunity is to be available when the child comes for help.

Give a feeling of belonging. If I were starting my family again, I would seek to use as many opportunities as possible to give my child a feeling of belonging. A sense of belonging is essential for a child's security and feeling of worth. And when a child feels he belongs in his family and is of real worth there, it is not a big step also to feel accepted,

loved, and of worth to others and in God's sight.

How are feelings of belonging generated? By doing things together. By sharing common concerns and trusting each other with responsibilities. Celebrations of birthdays, when the person rather than the gifts is central, create a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging is built into the child when prayers are prayed in his behalf, when his opinions are valued, and when he is included in the serious and fun experiences of the family.

He feels he belongs when he is invited to be involved in the responsibility and work of the family. No part of child guidance is more important than assuring the child by action and word that he is important for the family and he has a place in the affections of the family.

Praise my child. If I were starting my family over again, I would seek to be freer to express words of appreciation and praise. Children are reprimanded for making mistakes. But many children seldom hear words of commendation and encouragement when they do a job well or exhibit good behavior.

Will Sessions, discussing the topic, "If I had a teen-ager," says, "I would bestow praise. If the youngster blew a horn, I would try to find at least one note that sounded good to my ear, and I would say a sincere good word about it. If the school theme was to my liking, I would say so, hoping that it would get a good grade when it was turned in. If his choice of shirt or tie, of socks or shoes, or any other thing met my liking, I would be vocal."

Probably no other thing encourages a child to love life, to seek accomplishment, and to gain confidence, more than proper, sincere praise—not flattery but honest compliments when he does well.

Take more time with my child. If I were starting my family again, I would plan to take time to do more things together. In every father's week there are 168 hours. He probably spends about forty hours at work. Allow another fifteen hours for driving to and from work each week, overtime, and lunch. Set

aside fifty-six hours per week for sleep. That leaves a father fifty-seven hours each week to spend elsewhere. How many are actually spent with his family?

A group of 300 seventh- and eighth-grade boys kept accurate records of how much time their fathers actually spent with them over a two-week period. Most saw their father only at the dinner table. A number never saw their father for days at a time. The average time father and son were alone together for an entire week was 7½ minutes.

Arthur Gordon tells an interesting experience from his youth. "When I was around thirteen and my brother was ten, Father had promised to take us to the circus. But at lunch there was a phone call: some urgent business required his attention downtown. My brother and I braced ourselves for the disappointment. Then we heard him say, 'No, I won't be down. It will have to wait.'

"When he came back to the table Mother smiled. 'The circus keeps coming back you know.'

"I know," said Father. 'But childhood doesn't.'

A prominent businessman asked a friend, "Would you like to know what I am giving my son for Christmas?" He showed a piece of paper on which he had written: "To my son: I give you one hour of each week and two hours of every Sunday to be used as you wish."

Laugh more with my child. If I were to start my family again, I would laugh more. That's right. I would laugh more with my child. Oscar Wilde wrote: "The best way to make children good is to make them happy." I see now that I was much too serious. While my children loved to laugh, I often must have conveyed the idea that being a parent was painful.

I remember when I laughed with my children—at the humorous plays they put on for the family, at the funny stories shared from school, at the times I fell for their tricks and catch questions. I recall the squeals of delight when I laughed with them and shared in their stunts on the lawn or living room floor. And I remember the times they were

told of these experiences with joyful expressions, years later. I know when I laughed with my children our love was enlarged and the door was open for doing many other things together.

In answer to the father who sat across the table, I've jotted down these reflections. Like most important experiences in life, none of these are great ideas or difficult to remember. These simple suggestions, however, can make relationships with our children more meaningful and shape the future of a child more than great things which demand a great deal of money or exceptional ingenuity. Somehow we manage enough muscle to handle the big things of life but forget that life is largely made up of little things. So a father's faithfulness in the small things of life determines to a great degree the happiness of the home.

ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

Editor Norman Cousins in *World* magazine stated: "It is unreasonable to expect a child to grow up in front of a television set and still understand what is meant by the fragility of life. It is absurd to expose a child to thousands of hours in which human being are slugged, punched, pounded, abused, trampled upon and shot — and still expect the child to be horrified as brutality." Noting that the process of "desensitization" toward violence has been going on for thirty years in the United States, Mr. Cousins says that "ultimately, therefore, the problem of bringing violence under control and resensitizing the society depends on the people themselves."

—The Alliance Witness

MEMORY TEXT

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

—Romans 13:10

Annual Meeting in Rhodesia

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God is our Father, they have no Father. Jesus is our bread of life, so they have no bread, they are starving," Pastor J. Sithole said. Those present were from Sengwa, Rabi, Mbubusi, and Memeta Churches. The Selukwe representatives arrived late on Sunday night because of car trouble.

On Monday morning we had committee meeting. I was asked to give report on my visit to Malawi. After noon, instead of having our meeting at the camp, we visited homes around the mission in groups. Before the evening meetings, some gifts were given to two orphans, whose parents had died this year. Two dresses were given to Sekai Neube, eight years old, and short trousers and shirt to her ten-year-old brother. The church decided to raise money for these orphans for school, clothes and food. Responsibility was given to Pastor Vumah. The evening meeting was one of the most inspiring meetings ever held by us in Rhodesia.

This will not be complete without mentioning Rev. Charles Zechman of the Evangelistic Centre, whose help made the meetings successful. Mr. Zechman came from U.S.A. seven years ago and now is a citizen of Rhodesia. He has his work near our Mission. He was transporting people in his Land Rover for our meetings. The work of kindness cost him about R\$40, and we didn't pay him anything and he doesn't want anything from us.

It was asked that there be more evangelistic meetings this year. Also it has been decided that a church building be put up at our Memeta Mission this year, so that people will know for sure that we have come to establish our work for them.

We of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission field in Rhodesia ask for your undaunted prayers and the Lord will hear and answer.

MEMORIAL FUND TRUSTEES AT WORK

by Albert N. Rogers

The rapidly changing financial scene was surveyed by the Memorial Fund trustees with help from New York investment specialists at the October 14 meeting of the board. Robert J. Burns and William B. Carter were present representing investment counsel retained by the board, and Federal Land Bank bonds and industrial stocks were purchased as recommended.

Atty. Clarence M. Rogers, Clarksburg, W. Va., was reelected for his sixth year at the annual organization meeting. It was announced that George Pettit, Jr., Bridgeton, N. J., had resigned and his place filled by General Conference action. The new member, James R. Davis, Bridgeton, N. J., was unable to be present due to serious illness in his family.

Acknowledgements were read from the White Cloud church and from the Missionary Society for loans and grants approved in recent months. Requests for grants were considered from the Council on Ministry, Planning Committee, and General Conference. A matching-funds grant to the American Sabbath Tract Society was approved for renovating the Publishing House offices and purchase of needed office equipment. Other requests were considered for later action.

A creative Camping Project presented at an earlier meeting by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Boulder, Colo., was given further thought and steps were taken to sponsor the project in part through the Board of Christian Education. A major grant to Camp Paul Hummel near Boulder was made during the past three years for development of its facilities under direction of Pastor Randolph and the camp board representing the Boulder and Denver churches. The Memorial Fund is also assisting other denominational camps in their development.

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Marriages

Mitchell - Branch.— Howard E. Mitchell of Stow Creek Township, N. J., and Edith M. Branch of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage on October 6, 1973, in the Memorial Prayer Chapel of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shiloh.

Obituaries

WILLIAMS.— Allen Ray, was born in Ord, Nebraska, January 20, 1951, and died near Scotia, Nebraska, October 4, 1973 as a result of a truck accident.

Allen attended the public schools of the area and graduated from the North Loup-Scotia High School in 1969. He attended Kearney State Teachers College for two years. Since that time he has been employed by the Loup Valley Co-op Oil Co. He was an active member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, having accepted Christ as his Savior in 1963. He was deeply interested in sports and was concerned about young people and their problems.

He is survived by his parents, Udell and Luella Williams; one brother and his wife, Ronald and Patricia Williams, North Loup; two sisters: Patricia Williams, Lafayette, Colorado, and Janice Williams, Plainfield, New Jersey; his grandfather, Bert Williams, North Loup; two nephews: Troy and Bradley Williams, North Loup; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A graveside service was held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, October 7, and a Memorial Service was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church later on that afternoon. Pastor Victor Skaggs officiated assisted by Bernard Keown.

—V. W. S.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for September 1973

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	September	9 mos.	9 mos.	9 mos.		September	9 mos.	9 mos.	9 mos.
Adams Ctr NY ..\$	274.30	606.91	76.30		Milton Jct WI	97.90	841.05	10.00	
Albion WI	29.68	590.48	70.00		Monterey CA		400.00	45.00	
Alfred NY	1,318.50	5,489.98	306.00		New Auburn WI ..	104.88	951.05	60.00	
Alfred Sta NY ..	233.42	2,273.50	10.00		New Milton WV ..	50.00	499.61		
Ashaway RI	252.50	3,654.40	240.00		New Orleans LA ..	5.00	20.00		
Assns & Groups ..		558.79	2,818.21		North Loup NB..	200.00	2,814.30	80.00	
Battle Creek MI ..	405.40	5,044.09	570.00		Nortonville KS ..	201.00	2,311.00	172.58	
Bay Area CA		478.00	32.80		Ohio Fellowship..	40.00	615.00		
Berea WV	25.00	373.00	10.00		Paint Rock AL ..		565.00	170.00	
Berlin NY	356.02	1,672.12	45.00		Plainfield NJ	1,552.59	4,720.59	515.20	
Boulder CO	397.41	1,037.17	215.00		Richburg NY	74.50	1,593.18	65.00	
Brookfield NY		511.30	65.00		Riverside CA	1,351.00	5,734.00	120.00	
Buffalo NY		625.00			Rockville RI	19.00	532.25	10.00	
Chicago II		2,310.00	30.00		Salem WV		1,983.00	125.00	
Daytona Beach FL ..	334.00	1,094.00	130.00		Salemville PA ..	114.00	581.66	62.00	
Denver CO	3,519.57	5,817.43	355.00		Schenectady NY ..		155.33	10.00	
De Ruyter NY ..	83.00	730.00	25.00		Seattle WA		420.00	190.00	
Dodge Ctr MN ..		1,873.62	60.00		Shiloh NJ	2,169.81	7,748.26	225.00	
Farina IL		576.29	10.00		Stonefort IL		551.33	20.00	
Fouke AR	93.65	228.65	10.00		Syracuse NY	50.00	50.00		
Hammond LA					Texarkana AR	20.00	60.00	20.00	
Hebron PA	70.00	872.40	70.00		Verona NY	133.00	1,478.84	85.00	
Hopkinton RI		105.00	130.00		Walworth WI	300.00	1,303.00		
Houston TX		240.00	10.00		Washington DC ..		1,783.75	285.00	
Independence NY ..	25.75	259.35	50.00		Washington				
Individuals		1,114.48	773.38		People's DC				
Irvington NJ		1,960.00	25.00		Waterford CT	238.96	2,288.43	130.00	
Kansas City MO ..	274.50	625.70	40.00		Westerly RI	457.35	3,389.60	286.00	
Leonardsville NY ..	96.72	504.05	10.00		White Cloud MI ..	217.63	806.09	20.00	
Little Genesee NY ..	163.05	1,403.19	55.00						
Little Rock AR ..	69.26	262.48	20.00		Totals	\$19,359.98	\$109,781.73	\$10,097.47	
Los Angeles CA ..	450.00	4,543.42	215.00		Non-Budget		267.92		
Lost Creek WV ..	1,000.00	2,600.00	80.00						
Marlboro NJ	353.88	3,469.41	85.00		Total				
Metairie LA					To Disburse		\$19,627.90		
Milton WI	2,137.75	12,081.20	750.00						

SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 2,225.17
Historical Society	15.45
Ministerial Education	746.27
Ministerial Retirement	985.46
Missionary Society	9,096.42
Tract Society	2,939.49
Trustees of General Conference	46.36
Women's Society	216.33
World Fellowship & Service	539.03
General Conference	2,784.92
Mission Notes	33.00

\$19,627.90

SUMMARY

1973 Budget	\$176,690.00
Receipts for nine months:	
OWM treasurer \$109,781.73	
Boards 10,097.47	
	119,879.20
To be raised by December 31, 1973	\$ 56,810.80
Percentage of year elapsed	75%
Percentage of budget raised	67.84%
Nine months:	
Due	\$132,517.53
Raised	119,879.20
Arrears	12,638.33

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

It Doesn't Really Matter . . .



what your son decides to do. I mean, really, you can't pressure your children on everything. They have to make choices. And if he's determined to shove his hand in a bear trap it's not your responsibility.

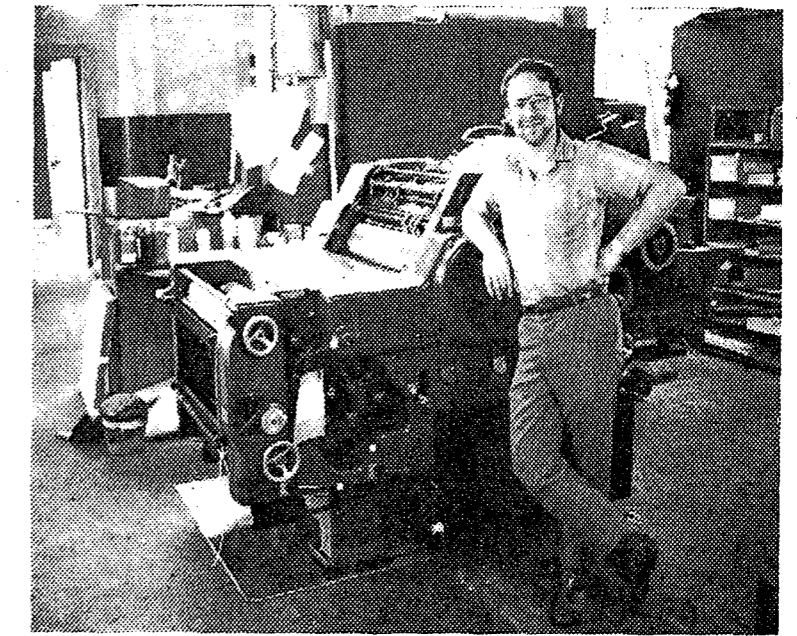
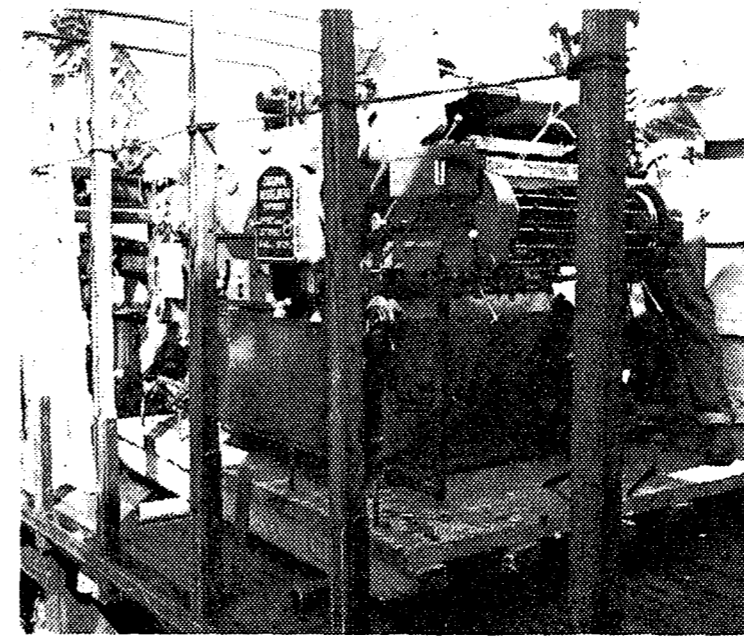
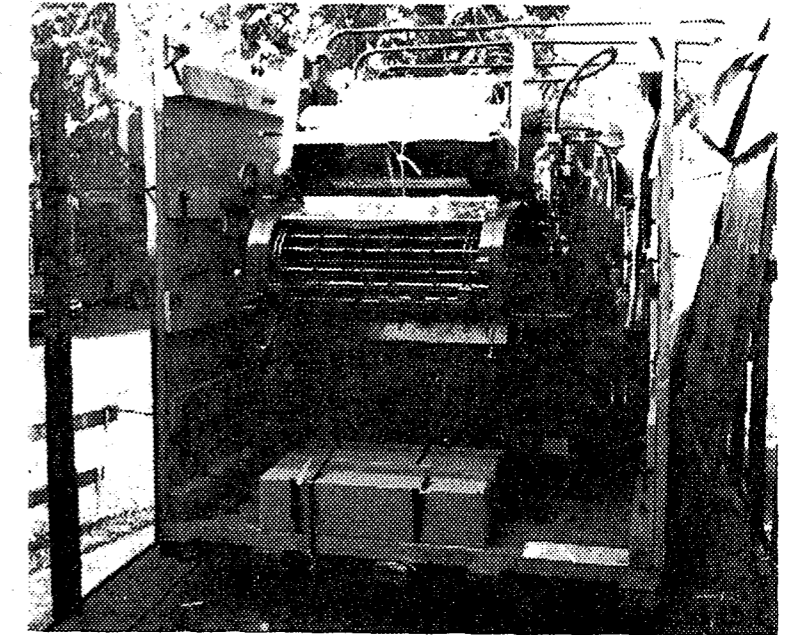
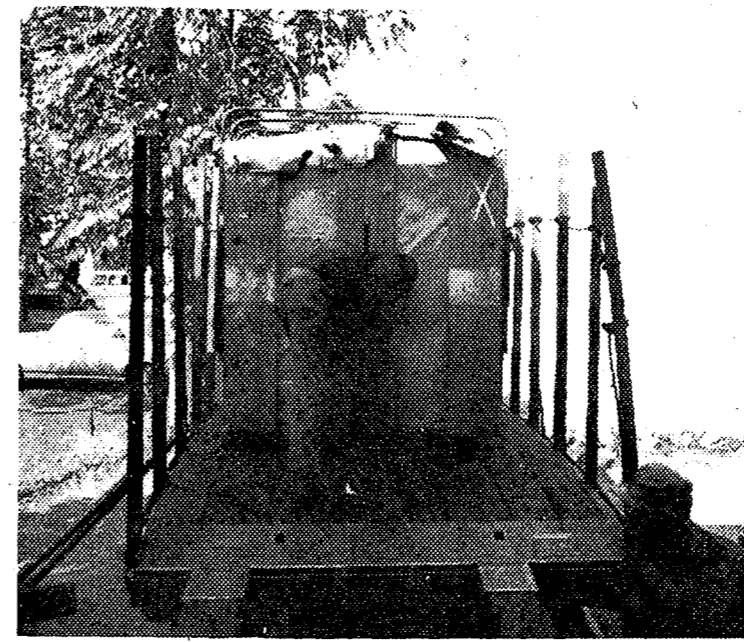
Absurd of course.

But so often we do practically the same thing. For example, the Scripture clearly teaches, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." So our children go untrained and unruly.

And St. Paul commended Timothy saying, "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Definitely, a child can trust and know the Savior, Jesus himself warned against offending "little ones which believe in me."

The best decision, of course, is for parents to "become as little children," find eternal life themselves, and then bring the whole family to God. Or just forget it. The bear trap might not mangle too badly.



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