
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.

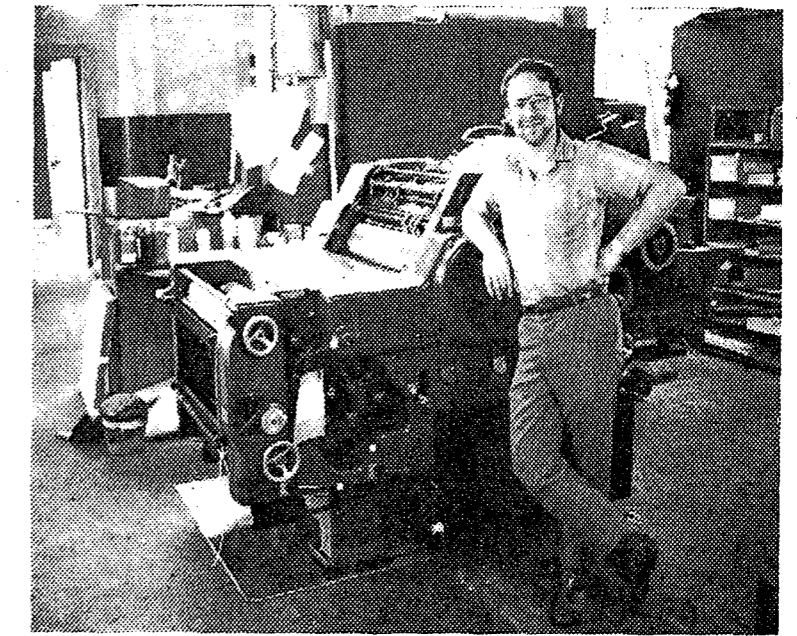
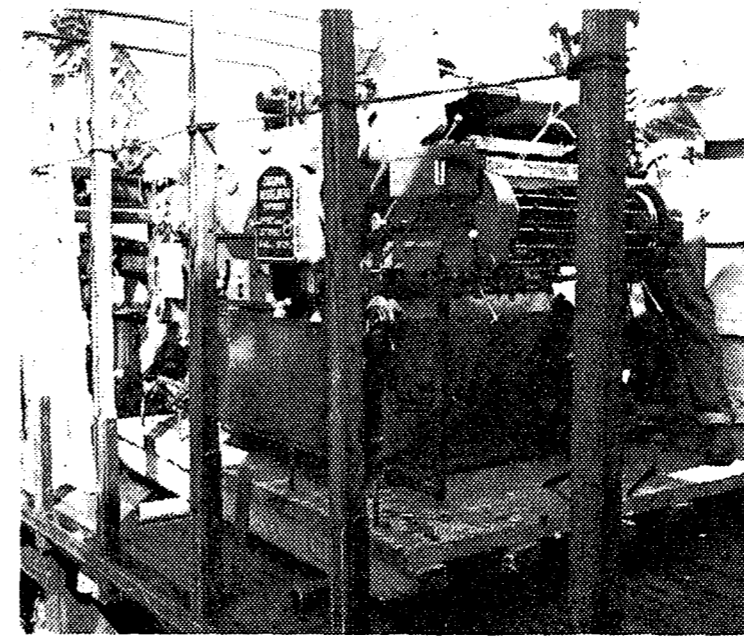
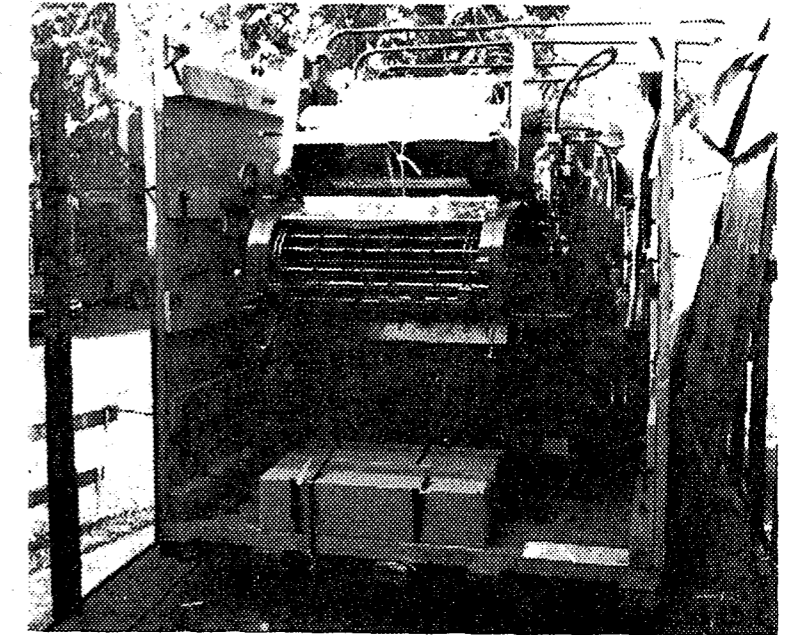
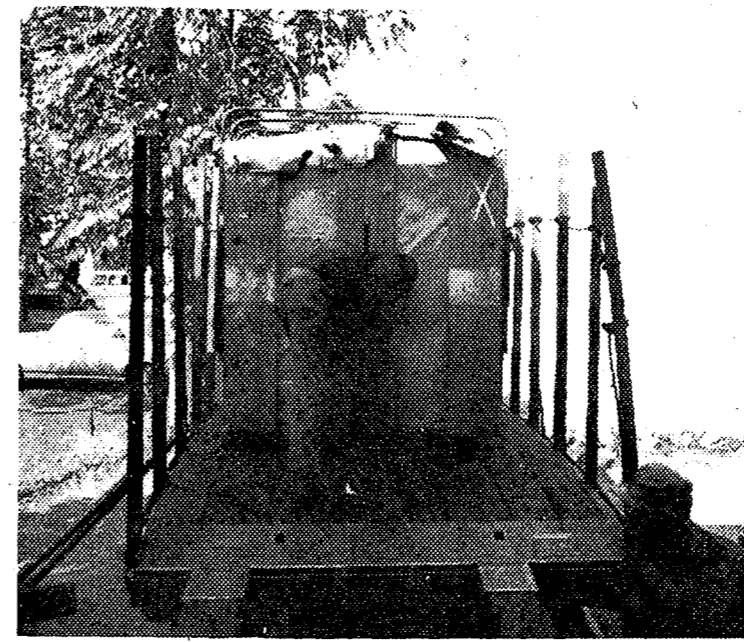
Absurd of course.

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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Pastor Swing Resigns

It is with regret that we learn of the
resignation of Pastor Charles Swing from the
pastorate of the Ritchie SDB Church,
Berea, West Virginia. Because of con-
tinuing health problems the Swings have
found it necessary to relocate to a more
favorable climate and plan to move to
New Mexico before winter.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) Pastor and Mrs. Charles Swing as they make plans to relocate to New Mexico. Let us pray that they will soon be restored to health.
- 2) All the new members recently entering into the fellowship and work of our churches.
- 3) A more effective use of the printed page as a means of communicating the gospel.
- 4) The membership of the Battle Creek Church as they share with the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler in his series: "Witnessing with the Word."

EDITORIAL

A New Recorder

For some time the subject of a change in the *Sabbath Recorder* has been studied. The Conference committee on publication interests in 1971 recommended: "that the Commission and Planning Committee begin a concentrated study of possibilities of uniting the publishing interests of all the boards and societies to produce a monthly, colorful, high quality, family magazine" (see 1971 *Yearbook* p. 67).

As a result a "Special Committee on Publications" was established and studies were made of all aspects of our publication ministry. The American Sabbath Tract Society and the Board of Christian Education set up committees which met together to study how to better coordinate their efforts. This entire subject was discussed more at Conference 1972 (see 1972 *Yearbook*, p. 50) and at Conference in 1973.

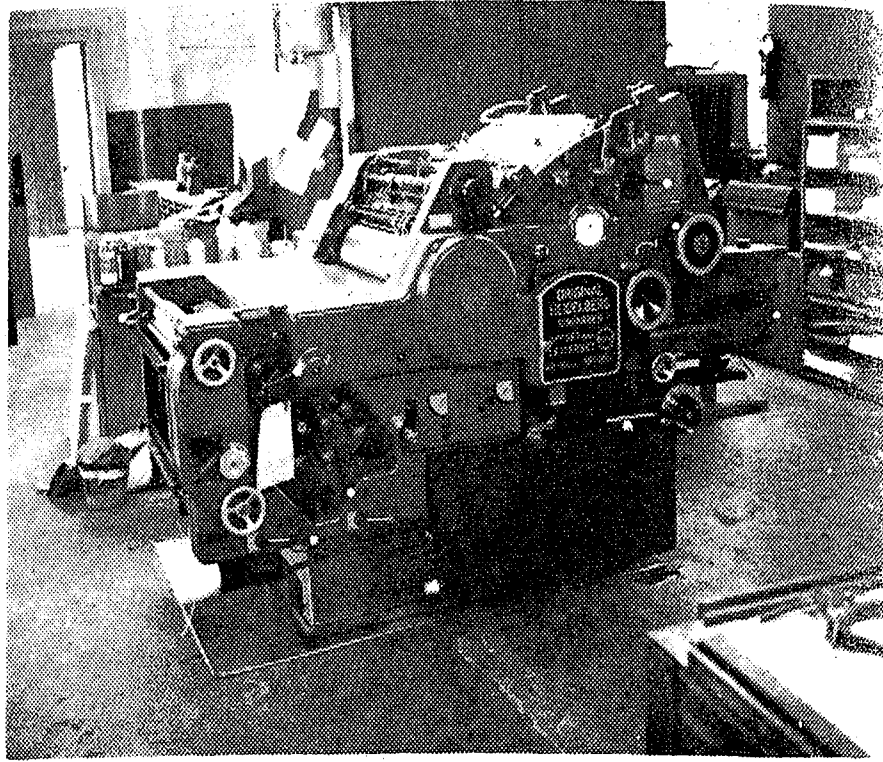
The 1973 Conference committee on communications recommended that the board of the American Sabbath Tract Society "seriously consider a change to a monthly magazine which would be inspirational and evangelical in nature, that would have appeal to readers other than Seventh Day Baptists. Consideration should also be given to a larger page size and vastly increased use of graphics and color."

The Advisory Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society since Conference has studied several proposals regarding the future of the *Sabbath Recorder*. At the October 21 meeting of the board the committee recommended that: "A monthly 28-page *Sabbath Recorder* of colorful, high quality, family appeal, replace the present weekly publication." The larger page size would be about "8½ x 11" the standard size of most religious journals. This recommendation was adopted by the board and thus the proposal will become a reality.

A NEW MONTHLY COLORFUL RECORDER

The publication of the new *Sabbath Recorder* will begin with the January 1974 issue. Every Seventh Day Baptist family will receive a copy of the first issue. The final two issues of the weekly will be published December 1 and 8, 1973.

The greatest change in the *Recorder* will be made possible by our new Heidelberg KORD offset press. The press, recently delivered, is scheduled to make its "maiden run" with the January issue of the new *Recorder*. The new press will allow more use of graphics, photographs, illustrations of all types, and color. The new press truly makes possible a new day for our publishing work. Printer



Heidelberg Kord Offset Press

Phillip Van Horn is now engaged in extensive training, preparing for his vital role in this new ministry.

One of the greatest disadvantages of the weekly *Recorder* was the fact that it often was late in spite of early mailing. It is not uncommon to receive several issues at once — a subscriber in West Virginia reports that he received seven issues on one day. Perhaps one had better not comment too much on current postal problems, but we are all aware that the service seems to be slower in spite of higher costs. Postage rates for publications were raised some twenty percent in September. If the post office plan for the next five years is carried out, rates for publications could go up some 700 percent. At the same time we are faced with rising paper prices and some authorities even predict a paper shortage. In spite of these and other problems we are endeavoring to produce a high quality, regular publication for Seventh Day Baptists — and we feel that God is leading us into new directions and new opportunities for the advancement of His cause through the printed page.

The new *Recorder* will be different in size and style, but it will contain the same useful and inspirational information regarding our denominational work and witness as it always has. Each board and agency will have a section to report their concerns. There will be a continuation of news from the churches and associations, as well as the birth, marriage, and death notices. Every attempt is being made to continue the main features of the weekly *Recorder*. This magazine will be one that every Seventh Day Baptist will be proud to have and share with others.

It is planned that each issue will have a theme — much on the order of the former "Special Issues." This theme will be used in some six to ten pages of the issue, in addition to the regular features. We believe that this family magazine will be a useful witness to the work and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists.

We are convinced that this type of magazine is what most Seventh Day Baptists want. However, it is true that you cannot please all of the people. As the weekly *Recorder* did not please many people, there will be some who will not like the monthly issue.

But before you make up your mind — do me a favor — give us a chance !!!

A Sabbath Message for Children:

MY FATHER'S CLOCK

Text: "I gave them my sabbaths,
to be a sign between me and them."

—Ezekiel 20:12



One day, when I was a very small boy, before I was old enough to go to school, my father bought a new clock and brought it home and set it on the mantel over the fireplace. The other boys were at school, and my mother said to me, "Now, let us say nothing to the boys about the clock when they come home from school and see if they will notice it or hear it tick."

I remember how excited I was. I was afraid I just couldn't keep from looking, and would give it all away. I managed though! And I remember how my brother Charley came in talking and telling something—just as children always do when they come home from school — when, suddenly he looked up in great surprise, for he had heard the ticking of the clock and saw it right there on the mantel. Then I could tell him all about it, for that was what I had been aching to do.

The tick of that clock became a very familiar sound to me during the next twenty years, before I went away from my boyhood home to make a home of my own. All times of the day, and sometimes in the night, when I would be awake, the ticktock of that clock fell upon my ears and broke the stillness. And as it counted off the hours it would start with a whiz, and then without more ado it would strike off the number in rapid strokes as if to warn us that time was precious and that it was swiftly passing.

A few years ago my father gave me that old clock which carries so many memories of the old home. Now it sits on the mantel in my study and ticks off the minutes just as it used to do "some forty years ago." And when the fire is burning low in the grate and I have put aside my book and all is still in the house, I sometimes listen to the familiar tick of the old clock, and in my memory I can live over again the scenes of my childhood. The ticking of the clock takes me back to the old home of my earliest years, with the open wood fire and the tall spinning wheel and the family circled about the hearth. I recall the tender love of my mother and the kind

protecting care of my father, as that old clock ticks away on the mantel. And I can see my father as he used to get up from his chair at the right of the fireplace to wind the clock — a notice always that it was time to go to bed. All these things, and many more, come back to me with the ticking of the clock which my father brought home so many years ago when I was a little boy and which a few years ago he gave to me and which now sits on the mantel in my study.

What I have told you about the clock is all true. But to me it is also a parable. It teaches me a lesson of heavenly things, and I hope you can get the lesson also. Our heavenly Father has given to me and to all his children a timepiece which tells us of His love and helps us to think of the heavenly home and of all the peace and joy of our Father's house. I think you know what I mean. I mean the Sabbath day.

A long, long time ago God gave the Sabbath to the world. He set it at the end of the week to mark for us the passage of time. And that it might stand through all time as a token of His love and as a reminder of His care, He blessed and hallowed it. He asks us not to do any work on the Sabbath, but to take time to be still and listen. And as we are quiet on God's holy Sabbath day we can hear Him speak to us. We can think of the home over there; but we can think also of this world as the home of our Father, in which we can live happily with Him. The Sabbath is the symbol of God's abiding presence. God is in this world. That is what the Sabbath says to us.

Of course we should think of our heavenly Father every day. Many times a day we can think of His goodness. But there is no day that can help us to think of Him as the Sabbath can.

It is the clock which my father gave me, the one which I used to see him wind every night when the day was done, that brings my father to mind, and the happy memories of home. It is the day which God placed at the end of the week and which He blessed in a special way, that brings God nearest to us in our thoughts. The Sabbath day reminds us of God's love as no other day can. In the dawn of every Sabbath day God says to His children, "I am still here." Every week as the Sabbath comes around reminding us of our Father's loving care, let us find some time to be quiet and feel His presence and receive His blessing.

"I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them."

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"In the Sabbath is to be found the peace and comfort and joy that come from God. In the Sabbath is the reality of spiritual fellowship with the Father and with Jesus Christ In the Sabbath is to be found the experience by which men become dedicated Christians committed to service and love in the world of men. Salvation is paramount But the Sabbath provides the spiritual vehicle through which the redeemed Christian finds moral and spiritual expression."

The preceding is quoted from the book:

THE SABBATH: SYMBOL OF CREATION AND RE-CREATION

by Herbert E. Saunders

Order your copy today and reflect upon what the Sabbath can mean for our day and age. Cost: One copy \$2.50. Second copy \$1.00.

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"HOW WE BECAME SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS"

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Colbert
Birmingham, Alabama

Our life-style has always been Christian for we both were reared in fine Christian homes. Attending church was as natural as eating our daily bread.

We were therefore somewhat startled and puzzled by a vision in 1963. This revelation motivated us into years of research for truth. Remembering Christ's admonition "seek and ye shall find," we sought and found. Biblical truths, once simple enough for a child to understand, were now buried in opiated doctrines. Numerous compromises had been made in the name of Christianity. As we continued our study, revered traditions were shattered and the great paradox of Christian intolerance overwhelmed us. Surely, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God!"

Into every nook and cranny of the great labyrinth of denominations we went and found His Spirit. His Presence is not confined to one earthly group! His love embraces all! Without Christ we could never have reached this new spiritual and intellectual magnitude. Our final conclusion was that the Lord required of us a new approach to Him. We declared ourselves stronger Protestants under God. No longer would we be lukewarm dissenters adhering to mandates contrary to the Bible!

If you have never been a Sundaykeeper and in the popular mainstream of Christianity, you will not understand our situation. It was not easy to separate from our long-time beloved church. Also, it was a bit embarrassing to admit as deacon and teachers that we had relied on prejudicial commentaries to guide us in our lesson preparation. Unknowingly we had taught false doctrines and traditions. We had exchanged Sabbath for Sunday without God's sanction. We had used false likenesses of Christ as teaching aids, and had crowded our spiritual lives with seasonal pagan celebrations. God forbid!

Realizing we could not please everyone, we began to try to do those things that would be pleasing to our Creator. Desiring to meet other Sabbathkeepers, we began to visit Sabbathkeeping churches in our area. We were cordially received and formed many friendships with sincere lovely Christians.

Finally, in 1969, we decided that we should extend our reach for the group of people who believed in intellectual and civil liberty and the right of every man to interpret the Bible for himself. A renewed study of the Seventh Day Baptists

revealed more of the qualities we were looking for. A letter to the president of Alfred University brought correspondence from Editor Leon Maltby of the *Sabbath Recorder* and from Pastor Clifford Beebe of the Butler Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church near Huntsville, Alabama. One Sabbath we got up early to visit this nearest S. D. B. church to the Birmingham area in which we live.

It was obvious that this was not an ordinary congregation. Our spirits were refreshed by the service conducted by the Christlike pastor and the Holy Spirit moved us to unite with this unique little flock. We found peace in our decision and have had no regrets. Here our souls are not burdened unnecessarily. Here we have spiritual freedom, the freedom Christ died for.

Many years ago when we accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior, we thought we had all the truth we needed but God willed us into closer fellowship with Him. Read John 6:44. Today we make no claim to know the whole truth, but we no longer whitewash false traditions. We now believe the day we keep is as important as the day we live. Knowing that grave danger of intolerance we do not seek to alienate those whose beliefs differ from ours but rather seek to love them more. As relatively new Sabbathkeepers, we do not isolate ourselves in so-called piety but with expectation await the fullness of time. The era of "oneness" that Christ desired "that the world may believe."



LORD OF THE SABBATH

Lord of the Sabbath, unto thee we praise
Whose mercy shines in all our days;
Whose goodness, deeper than all thought,
Us to this day hath safely brought.

O Holy day! so bright, so fair,
A sacred hush is in the air,
And in our midst, as we abide,
Stands the dear Christ, Beautified.

Our Father's Sabbath! sweet with thought
Of him through whom the worlds were wrought
Our saviour's Sabbath! Hallowed when
He walked the ways of mortal men.

Father protect thy Sabbath's peace!
Thy kingdom in our hearts increase
Till on our eyes with glorious ray
Breaks the last joyous Sabbath-day.

—Edwin H. Lewis



A SILENT CHANGE?

Thelma Tarbox

Silence! Can silence thunder a startling truth? There is nothing but *silence* in the Bible about changing the holy day from the seventh to the first day of the week. This seems strange when we consider that much is written about the new aspects of the Christian religion such as Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Doesn't it seem odd that Jesus would make a point of introducing these three important elements *before* His Crucifixion and yet say nothing about Sunday observance either before or after the Cross? Jesus, Himself, was baptized; He instituted the Lord's Supper; there was a miraculous appearance of the Holy Spirit at His Baptism; Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be given to His followers; and He commanded the observance of both Baptism and the Lord's Supper — all this before the Crucifixion which marks the dividing line between the Old and New religion!

Nothing but *silence!* Not one word from Christ about substituting another day for the Sabbath. Nor do the disciples give a reason for abolishing the Sabbath. No command to observe the first day; no reason given for keeping the first day holy! By contrast, many texts mention baptism — repent, believe, be baptized. We are also told the spiritual significance of baptism which has several symbolic meanings. In fact, baptism is mentioned over forty times in the New Testament! Much is made also of the Lord's Supper and its spiritual significance. The Holy Spirit is given even greater coverage, being mentioned more than fifty-nine times in the New Testament!

What is said about the first day? It is mentioned eight times in the New Testament. Six of these texts refer to the time when the empty tomb is discovered. Contrary to popular belief, when we recall that the original Greek Scriptures lack punctuation, we have to admit that not one place in the Bible says positively that

Christ rose on the first day. Some Bible scholars think that the Resurrection occurred *before* the first day because Matthew 28:1 indicates that the tomb was empty *late* on the Sabbath day.

The other two "first day" texts indicate that New Testament Christians considered Sunday a regular week day. Paul asked the Corinthians to "lay by in store" gifts for the poor saints at Jerusalem. His reason for this request is "that there be no gatherings when I come." There is no hint of public worship in this text (1 Cor. 16:2). The other reference to the first day is Acts 20:7 when Paul preached until midnight and the next morning Paul continued on his journey. If this service began at the beginning of the first day, our Saturday night at sunset, then Paul spent Sunday on the road. Rather unlikely, doesn't it seem, if Sunday were the Christian holy day. If, however, this service began late on the first day, then Paul preached until midnight of the second day—so that little of the worship service occurred on our Sunday. There is no mention elsewhere in the Bible of any worship service being held on the first day.

Only eight texts in the New Testament mention the first day, and each text says *first day*. Not once is Sunday given a religious connotation. On the other hand, the seventh day is always given a religious connotation! Even *after* the Crucifixion, the seventh day is called Sabbath. (Hebrews 4:4 is the one exception which states: "He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works.")

There are those who feel that if God wanted Christians to observe the seventh day Sabbath He would have repeated the fourth commandment in the New Testament. WHY? Do we talk about what is taken for granted? Our generation does not teach its children that it is wrong

to keep slaves. The issue was settled a hundred years ago. Nobody discusses the pros and cons of slavery anymore. For many centuries before Jesus was born, the Sabbath was a burning issue. It was constantly being ignored and the Hebrews, individually and as a nation, were punished for Sabbath desecration. Stoning was the Sabbath breaker's lot and the Babylonian captivity was the fate of the Jewish nation for her idolatry and Sabbath indifference.

But by Jesus' time no one had to be told to keep the Sabbath. The people bent so far backwards over the Sabbath they'd turned it into a burden. The problem was no longer a question: *which* day is God's holy day? The problem confronting Jesus was one of teaching *how* God's day should be observed. Sabatarian Christians believe that Christ did for the Fourth Commandment exactly what He did for the other nine. He showed by teaching and practice *how* God's laws should be obeyed. It was Christ's custom to attend church on the Sabbath. When leaders criticized Jesus for His Sabbath activities He replied, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." Is there a Christian who thinks it is wrong to pick corn out of his garden for his holy day meal? Who condemns a Christian for tending the sick on the holy day? Didn't Jesus say, "Is it lawful to do well on the sabbath?"

As for the disciples' treatment of the seventh day after the Crucifixion, many Sabbath services are mentioned. Paul preached by a "river side" on the Sabbath (Acts 16:13). A most significant service concerning Gentiles is mentioned in Acts 13:42-48. "When the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath . . . and the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God . . ."

Why, if Christians were meeting on Sunday, didn't Paul use this opportunity to invite these interested "Jews and religious proselytes" to attend the next day's Christian service? Here was an excellent place to say that the Sabbath

had been abolished and that Christians were now using the first day for their holy day. Instead of reasons being given why people should discontinue the Sabbath, and instead of reasons given for Sunday observance we have *silence*. But "The next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God."

The Jewish people were scattered throughout the Roman Empire and because of this fact, Gentiles knew that the seventh day was God's day. As late as the fifth century a pagan Roman poet, Rutilius, spoke scornfully of the Jews' obscene initiation rite and the fact that they worshipped a God so slothful that he had to rest after six days of labor! Wouldn't Greek and Roman converts have thought the disciples queer if they'd told these new Christians that the Sabbath was God's day, when they were already aware of the fact?

It was difficult for many faithful Jewish people to realize that the old ways were no longer necessary. They were shocked at the thought of giving up circumcision and made a big fuss over it. Wouldn't they have been even more horrified if the disciples had abolished the Sabbath the same way they abolished circumcision? And if another day had been substituted in the place of the Sabbath? There is not one murmur of criticism directed at Paul or anyone else for Sabbath desecration. Considering human nature as it is, Paul and the other disciples must have been exemplary Sabbath-keepers or wouldn't they have been "tarred and feathered"?

Without question, circumcision, the Passover Sabbath and the other ceremonial Sabbaths, and the rituals of Judaism were abolished on the Cross. But the weekly Sabbath is not a part of the ceremonial laws. The Sabbath is commanded in the Decalogue. Can the Commandment: Remember the sabbath to keep it holy . . . the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord — can this command be interpreted to mean "One day out of seven

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India

THE VALUE OF PRAYER

by B. John V. Rao
India Conference of SDB's

Do you desire victory over sin, weaknesses, or bad habits that seem to be your master? Do you desire to grow stronger, to go from strength to strength in the word of God? Do you really desire an increase in faith? These are points that strike the heart and can awaken you to a full realization of moral and spiritual responsibility.

The value of prayer cannot be underestimated. Unless you are willing to make prayer a part of your life, you will not be a very effective Christian. Without prayer your life as a Christian will die. It is difficult to properly estimate the true value of prayer.

Prayer is the energy and life of the soul. It is the invincible armor which shields the devoted Christian from the poisoned missiles of hell. It is a mighty weapon in the hands of a Christian, with which he can win life's battles. He who lives in prayer reigns triumphantly. His soul is filled with the peace of heaven. Power is given to him. Let me share with you a personal experience of the power of prayer. One area we entered with the gospel message was especially notorious. Many of the people there tore up the tracts and Bibles we were distributing. They made every effort to humiliate and hinder our work. We continued our witness with much prayer; within two years we experienced the joy of seeing some of those who had opposed us become Christians.

Thus, by prayer all storm clouds are driven away, mountains of discouragement are cast into the sea, chasms of difficulties are bridged, hope is given wings, faith increases, and joys abound. Hell may rage and threaten, but he who is frequent and fervent in prayer experiences no alarm. By prayer the windows of heaven are opened, and showers of



S. D. B. Dispensary in India



Dr. M. Solomon Raju and patient in SDB Clinic

refreshment are rained upon the soul.

Jesus by His example has taught us the value of prayer. His rising a great while before day to hold communion with His father, and His spending all night in prayer, teach us something of its importance. If Jesus, the Son of God, needed this close communion with the

Father how much more do we?

Without prayer, the inner being will weaken, famished to death, the fountain of love will dry up, the spring of joy cease to flow, and our hearts will become parched desert wastes.

If you desire victory in your life, begin your day with prayer. Not just a few hurried words, but several minutes of deep intimate communion with God. Linger at the sacred altar of prayer. If you want to experience the heights of God's love, the depths of His grace, the fullness of His Joy, and the richness of His glory, seek Him through prayer. Do you feel that you have no time for prayer? Dear friend, you must find time to commune with God. In our busy world we find time for friends, books, eating, sleeping, and therefore we must make time for prayer. It is a device of the evil one to make us too busy for prayer. We must all take advantage of the opportunity to commune with God. We must seek the Father through prayer and continue until our place of prayer becomes the dearest spot on earth.

A Silent Change?

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—it doesn't matter which as long as one is kept?"

Is it possible that the New Testament teaching has abolished the Ten Commandments? No Christian would think of committing murder, or lying, or worshipping idols in order to prove that he is under grace and not under law. Why, then, do many Christians sincerely believe that they must change the Fourth Commandment to: "Remember the first day to keep it holy" in order to prove that they are "under grace." Paul exclaims, "God forbid! Faith establishes the law!"

Does the Bible's *silence* about Sunday observance indicate that this practice entered the Church many generations after Jesus' ministry? Is it possible that prejudice against the Jews and the influence of sun-worshipping cults eliminated Sabbath observance and substituted Sunday worship? God loudly claims that the Sabbath is His holy day, but what does He say about Sunday? God is *silent!*

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REV. JOHN F. RANDOLPH

The following was read to the Rev. John Randolph at the 1973 Conference when the Historical Society presented him a gold-headed cane in recognition of his contributions to denominational history as outlined in the citation.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Born in 1884 at Independence, N. Y., you spent your boyhood in China and in rural Arkansas where your father served in Seventh Day Baptist missions and then attended Alfred University for liberal arts and theological education. In 1907 you and your wife, Florence Emily Voorhees, returned to the mission school at Fouke, Ark., to serve in what is now known as dedicated service. You then served pastorates in New York, Wisconsin, and West Virginia, took an active part in youth work and served faithfully on several denominational boards and agencies. It is in the field of history that you are today being cited. *The History of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission School at Fouke, Ark.*, edited by Elizabeth Fisher Davis, was based in no small part upon your work. In 1939 you compiled the ancestry and descendants of John LaForge Fitz Randolph, your grandfather, giving in detail the nine generations of his line from Edward Fitz Randolph who came to Plymouth, Mass., in 1615. When the *Davis Genealogy* of Thomas Clayton was interrupted in its completion you saw the need for an index and with the help of Mrs. Randolph you prepared seventy-three pages of carefully checked references which form an invaluable tool for study of this family which has been important in our common life for more than three generations. You have served on the staff and as an officer of the Milton House museum. Moreover you have passed on to your family and many others an appreciation of things past which is not always found in our materialistic society. Therefore sir, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society honors you; and places in your trust as a symbol of

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Mrs. Ena Bolton
Boulder, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Moncrief
Laceyville, PA

Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Cudahy
Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

Pastor Eugenio Aldave
Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico

Marriages

Wheeler - Smith.— Douglas E. Wheeler, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alton L. Wheeler of South Plainfield, N. J., and Melody Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Smith, were united in marriage in Plainfield, N. J., Sept. 22, 1973, by the Rev. H. J. Brendel, assisted by the bridegroom's father.

MEMORY TEXT

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." — Romans 15:1

your seniority and achievements this gold-headed cane once given in honor to another. And when you have used it as much as you may we will ask that it be returned to the Society for possible use by others.

THOUGHTS

World Distribution of Baptists

Figures compiled by BWA Secretary Carl W. Tiller show more Baptists in India and the Soviet Union than would be expected in these countries where missionaries cannot be sent. The countries with the most Baptists rank as follows: United States, India, Soviet Union, Brazil, Burma, the United Kingdom, and Zaire.

The monthly magazine *Campus Life*, published by Youth for Christ for high school students, is recommended by some of the most discerning Christian leaders, including Billy Graham. Another type of recommendation comes from a school librarian in Texas who says, "*Campus Life* is the magazine stolen most often from our library."

Mind-bending Drugs

"Most of us believe that relief from anxiety is just a swallow away. Our medicine cabinets at home are filled with pills . . . And so our youngsters are doing just what they've seen us do but they are doing it in excess."—Art Linkletter

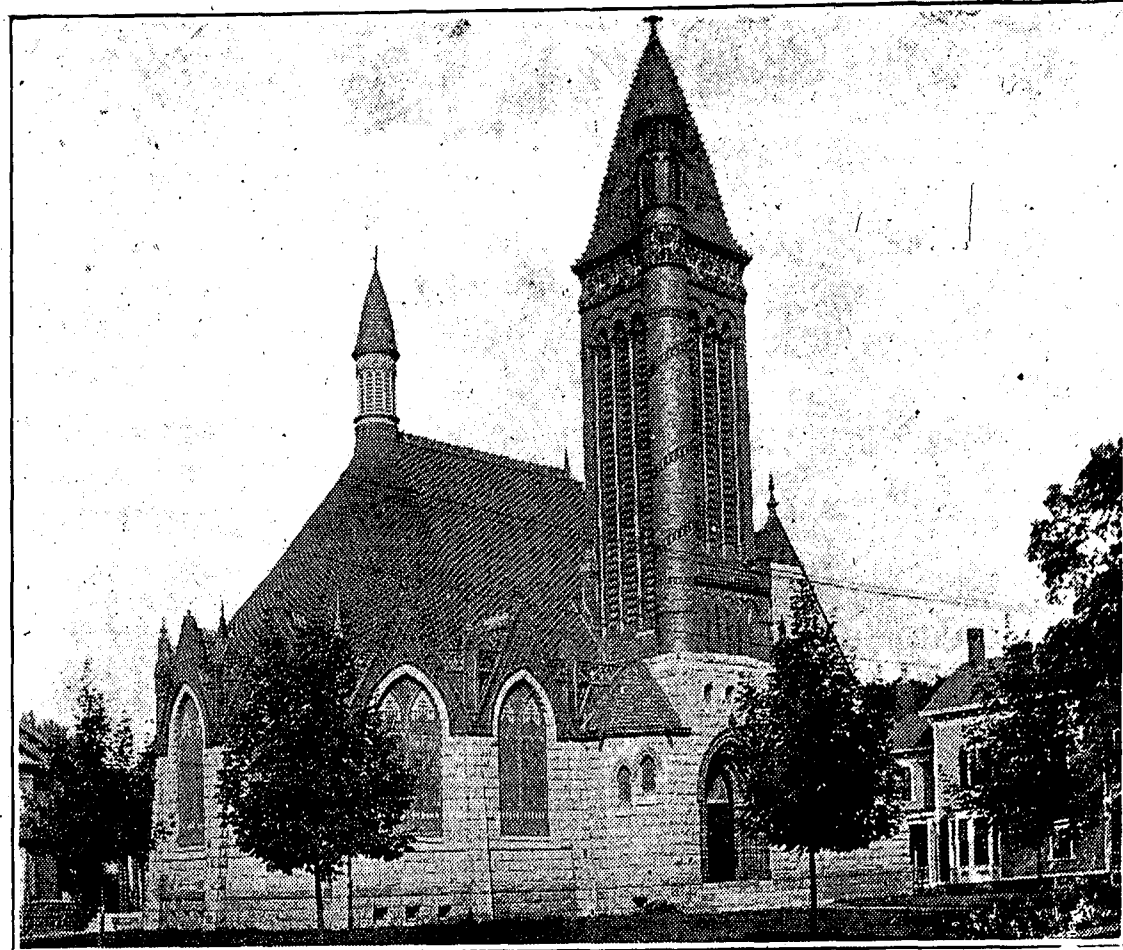
On the Golden Rule of Matt. 7:12

Is this a new rule for Christians, as distinct from Old Testament law? Listen to how Jesus related these! "For this (Golden Rule) is the law and the prophets." That is, the law of God lived out and as preached by the prophets is the "Golden Rule." The two are to be equated, not separated. We need to read the whole verse carefully. — LCB

Anti-Semitism

It is not much of an overstatement to say that anti-Semitism is anti-Christian. It is, indeed, a defection from Christian faith and beliefs. It is a sin. Regrettably, it has been manifested most violently in so-called Christian nations.

**NEWS
FROM
THE
CHURCHES**



Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church

NEW ADDRESS FOR SEATTLE CHURCH

The Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church wishes to announce our new meeting-place and we invite you to join with us for worship and praise and Christian fellowship!

Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church
755 South Homer Street
Seattle, Washington 98108

We have agreed to rent the two buildings from the trustees of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church — full time — for one year, with a lease-option to buy next year, (if we feel God's leading, then, to purchase this property).

To find our church's new facilities . . . Take S. Corson St. — Michigan Ave Exit, off Freeway I-5. Turn right (in parking lot of "Warehouse Outlet" store, former Valu-Mart, go to back of parking lot, turn left on S. Orcas St., right next block to church at the corner of S. Homer and Padilla Place S. —Seattle Newsletter

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 17, 1973

THE STRONG AND THE WEAK

Lesson Scripture: Romans 14:1-4;
1 Corinthians 8:7-13

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— On August 25 Elder Leon Maltby conducted the service for the last time before moving to Florida. He preached on the theme, "Growing Up into Christ" (Ephesians 4: 15). Elder Albert Rogers, moderator, presented Robert Babcock with a license to preach, and Elder Alton Wheeler offered a prayer. Bob has entered seminary in South Dakota. At the fellowship dinner Bob and Nelta were presented with a money gift and were thanked for their many contributions to the church and Women's Society.

During September and October Pastor Herbert Saunders has preached a series of sermons on the Conference theme, "Christ Gives Meaning to Your World," based on the book of John.

September 8 was promotion day for the Sabbath School. Twenty-two children were present at church for the children's message, in which Pastor Saunders spelled **TEACHER**. Then the new teachers and pupils for the various classes were announced by Mrs. Janette Rogers, and the children were given pencils and Bible booklets. Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller were with us, as they stopped on their way to Malawi as missionaries.

The Women's Society began its fall season September 10 with a covered-dish dinner and a bridal shower for Miss Melody Smith. She was married September 22 to Douglas Wheeler, son of General Secretary Alton Wheeler. A general invitation to the wedding and reception was extended to our congregation, and many attended.

At a special business meeting September 22 it was voted to give a license to preach to the Rev. Leonard Tobin, a member of our church and pastor of the newly formed Ephesus Seventh Day Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

On September 29 the choir started rehearsing at 9:15 Sabbath morning for the 10:30 church service, so that more singers could attend. At the fellowship dinner which followed Sabbath School our guests were the ministerial students and their families: Melvin Stephan, Robert Harris, Robert Babcock, and John Pyle.

During the summer the Women's Society had baby showers for Mrs. Virginia North Hallam, Mrs. Patricia Cruzan, and Mrs. Peg Van Horn. Andrew Cruzan had the distinction of being present at his own shower.

We are looking forward to concerts by the Light Bearers for Christ, October 26 and 27 and our annual retreat at the Baptist Conference Center, Lebanon, N. J., November 2-4, as our church strives for growth in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

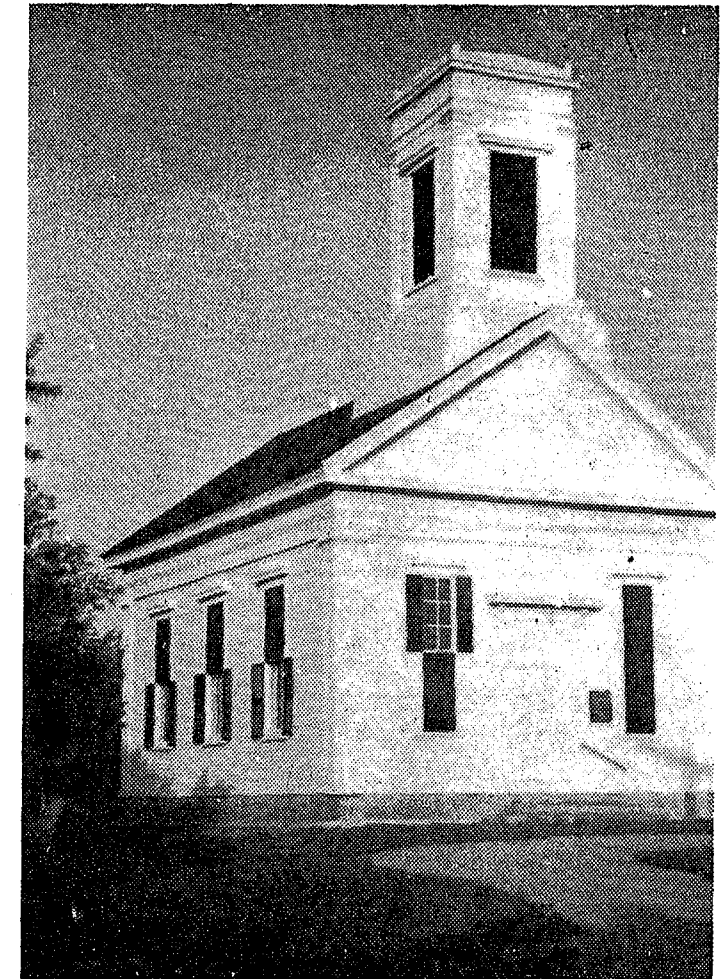
—Ruth Parker, Correspondent

WATERFORD, CONN.— Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Waterford folks are praising God for the recent visit, Sept. 28 to Oct. 7, of Evangelist Mynor Soper, Light Bearers for Christ Ruth Soper, Christine (Chris) Pederson, Phill Osborn, Steve Crouch, Rodney and Camille Henry, and Charles and Anita Harris.

Evangelist Soper conducted spiritual growth workshops the first six days and, assisted by the Light Bearers for Christ and Charles and Anita, held evangelistic services on the remaining four days.

Light Bearers for Christ also participated in services at other Baptist churches, Southern and Conservative, a Presby-



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terian church, and an Episcopal church, witnessing in song and the spoken word. They were enthusiastically received in all places.

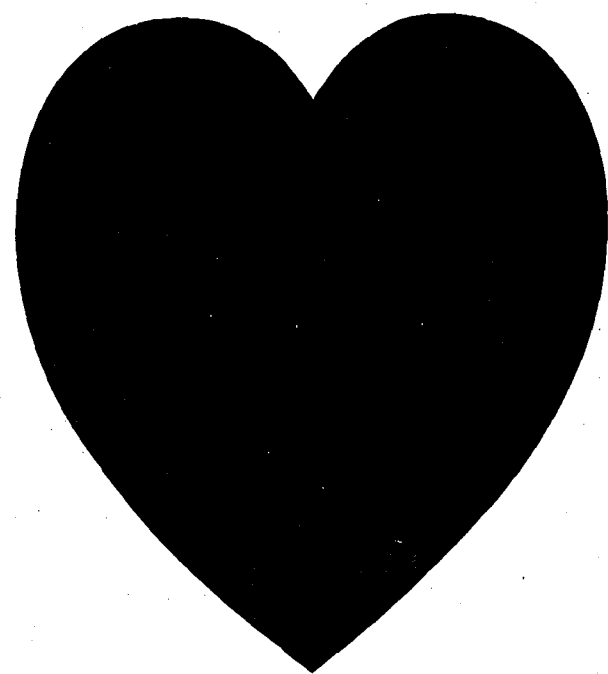
A week of prayerful preparation preceded the arrival of the team. Half-hour prayer meetings were held each evening for a time of earnest and meaningful prayer. A continuous prayer session was engaged in on the day before the arrival of Evangelist Soper. It is felt that the results of the project were due in no small measure to the emphasis given to prayer in these preparation days.

Our Waterford church has experienced a rich spiritual uplift. Many new contacts were made and are now being followed up by Pastor Dale Rood and members of the church. The visitors were entertained in the homes of the Waterford people.

The yearly meeting of New England SDB Churches was held in Waterford on the second weekend of the project. Evangelist Soper gave the message on Sabbath morning and the Light Bearers for Christ presented a program in the afternoon.

The Waterford church is praising God for sending these dedicated Christians to us and for the spiritual growth that is in evidence in our members.

IS YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD?



Heart trouble is a major medical problem today. Surgeons have developed medication and surgical techniques to keep the body alive a little longer. Why? Because of the value and sacredness of human life.

However, man is plagued by another kind of heart trouble — spiritual heart trouble. Man's heart is not right with God, and therefore not right with his fellow man. He needs a change of heart — a new heart.

There is only "One Way" to have a right heart. That way is giving your heart in love and trust to the God who expressed His love for you in Jesus Christ. The following Scriptures point the way:

Jesus said . . . "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

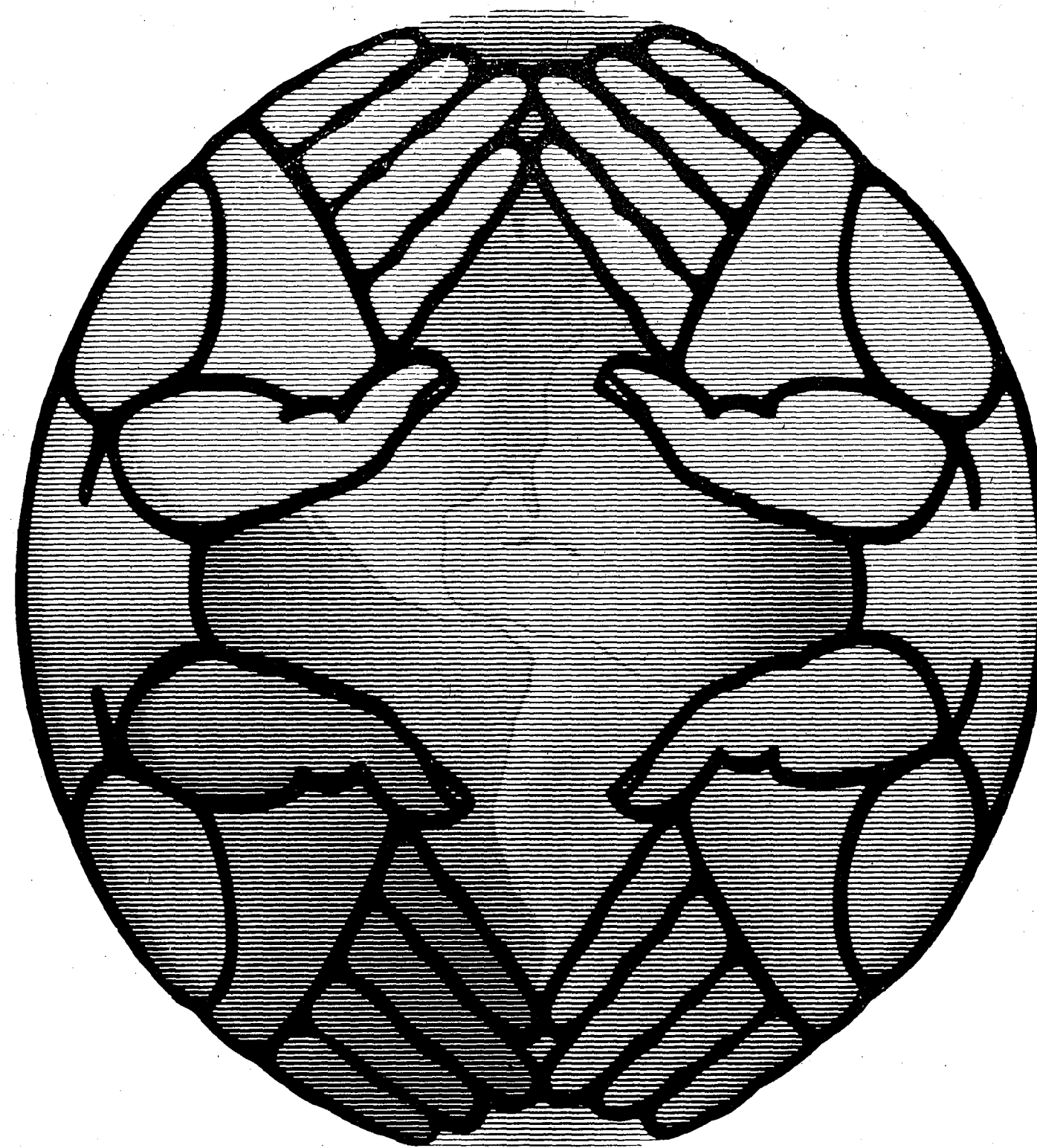
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27).

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-2).

By faith and prayer, turn your old heart over to Jesus, and let Him give you a new one.

—Rev. Don Richards



**For these gifts
we thank you, Lord**

**THE
SABBATH
RECORDER**

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