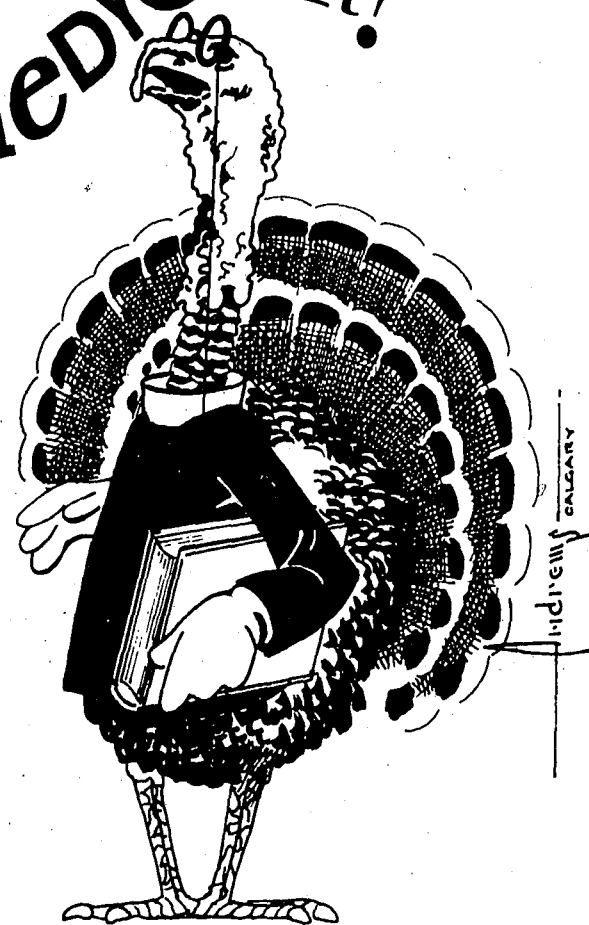


RELIGIOUS

Gobbledygook!



Sanctification, eschatology, soteriology, pneumatology, redemption, regeneration, and charisma are religious words not generally understood. And there many more such words, all good words, godly words, very important words.

But to many people it is simply religious gobbledygook!

Christian people themselves will sometimes admit that they do live in a subculture and that they do talk in frazzled cliches.

Really there is no need for such confusion. The Son of God was so plain.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that every one who believes in him may not be lost, but have Immortal Life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him escapes condemnation, while he who does not believe in him is already condemned because he hath not believed in the only Son of God.”

(John 3:16-18)



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## MEMORY TEXT

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." — John 20:31

## QUESTIONS FOR SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

1. Does my life please God?
2. Do I enjoy being a Christian?
3. Am I studying my Bible daily?
4. How much time do I spend in prayer?
5. Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true value?
6. Am I praying and working for anyone's salvation?
7. Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
8. How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
9. Am I honest with the Lord's money?
10. Do I have a clear conception of my place in the Lord's work?

—Taken from a tract published by Indian Sabbath Tract Society, New India.

## EDITORIAL

### THE WAY OF THE CROWD

We may choose one of two ways to go through our years on earth. We may look upon life as one long struggle to satisfy human desires, or we may consider our sojourn here a special commission to accomplish some divine purpose. We may go through all the motions of selfish, materialistic living, or we may walk by faith, ever seeking to exalt and glorify the Savior.

Thomas a Kempis wrote that if two paths present themselves, we should choose that which is most set with thorns, for a rose-strewn way is unlikely to be the one of God's design. Jesus frequently reminds us in the gospels that those who will lose their lives for His sake will "save" them and experience true fulfillment in regard to their purpose for being here on earth. The greatest choice we can make in life is to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; the second greatest choice we can make is to let Him live His life through us as we yield to Him in humble consecration. All supposed loss incurred for Jesus' sake will turn out to be a tremendous gain.

Often we are tempted to "go along" with the crowd, to take the easy road. It seems difficult to stand alone for principles which the world in general rejects. Jesus at times was popular with the crowd. Such was the occasion at the time of the feeding of the 5,000 when many would have gladly made Him king. Later as He made the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the crowd was all shouting His praises, however later that week some of the same people were screaming "crucify him." Most people it seems want to simply go the way of the crowd.

Right cannot be determined by statistics. Truth can never be measured by the number who are willing to follow it. A way may be popular, but it may be wrong. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). Could it be that our convictions are not so strong as our fear of being different?

It took courage for Noah to stand alone against a scoffing world. It took courage for Elijah to stand alone on Mount Carmel against those who sought his life. And it took courage for Martin Luther to stand alone before the council of the church that had called him to account and demanded that he recant and follow the crowd. It took courage for him to go against the demands and desires of the crowd, and it takes courage for us to do the same today.

Seventh Day Baptists have a long and honored history dating back to the Reformation. As Baptists, Sabbathkeeping Baptists, we have stood at times alone for certain principles. These include: liberty of conscience, separation of church and state, a regenerate church membership, the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, baptism of believers by immersion, the Sabbath of Christ and the decalogue as well as other Biblical principles.

For these bold declarations our spiritual forefathers have taken journeys into strange lands as exiles from home. They have rotted in dungeons, limbs have

been torn from their bodies; they have been dragged through the streets of cities. Only a few years after Martin Luther's bold declaration, the Rev. John James, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist church in London, was taken from his pulpit one Sabbath day and drawn and quartered. His body was broken into four parts and placed on display throughout the city as a warning to those who dared to be different — those who dared to go against the wishes of the crowd.

Today we are not put to any real test for being different. How then do we account for our tendency to conform when nothing vital is at stake — nothing, that is, except the unwelcome spotlight that directs its beam on the man who differs from majority opinion?

The fact is that it is often easier to die for the Lord than to live for Him. It takes courage in 1973 not to go along with the crowd. It takes courage to stand for truth and to confess that we are followers of Christ. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

**INFORMED SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS  
ARE THE BEST SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS—  
KEEP INFORMED, READ THE  
SABBATH RECORDER.**

### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### **Suggestions for Prayer This Week**

##### **Pray for:**

1) The continued improvement of the Rev. John Rao of India. A recent letter states that he is now able to work some three hours per day. Let us pray for his complete recovery and restoration to his former duties.

2) The outreach efforts of the Phoenix, Arizona, Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship as it seeks to win others to Christ through its radio ministry.

#### **Oldest Citizen**

Charlie Smith of Bartow, Florida, is the oldest citizen of the United States. His age of 130 years was confirmed by Social Security from documents in New Orleans and Texas. He now receives Social Security payments in addition to the proceeds from a small business, Charlie Smith's Soft Drink and Candy Store, which he operates at Bartow. The records give the time of his birth in Liberia and his sale into slavery at twelve years of age in 1854. He is pictured as hale and hearty. When a Social Security worker found him and took an interest in his case he was picking oranges at the age of 115. Now life is easier for him. No reason is given for his exceedingly long life. It is manifest that "the Lord has spared him."

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# personality profile



This is Mrs. K. Rukminamma, a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist church in Nellore, India. She is a very unique Seventh Day Baptist because, according to the Rev. John Rao, Mrs. Rukminamma is 110 years old. She was born on January 8, 1863, into the Bramin Community of Nellore. At the youthful age of eighty-nine she accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized on January 1, 1952. She and her husband, now deceased, were teachers by profession. Despite her advanced age Mrs. Rukminamma takes a personal interest in the needs of others. She is concerned about the sick in her community — and walks to visit them, bringing them words of encouragement. It is her custom to pray to her Lord seven times a day. The Indian Conference recently voted Mrs. Rukminamma a monthly living allowance in appreciation for her faithful witness through the years.

**"O God, from my youth thou hast taught me,  
and I still proclaim thy wondrous deeds.  
So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
till I proclaim thy might  
to all generations to come."**

Psalm 71:18, 19

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORPORATE MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the SDB Board of Christian Education on October 21, 1973, in Alfred, the following directors were named: (listed by their home churches)

### Richburg:

Francis (Chip) Bucher  
Mrs. Ethel (Harmon) Dickinson  
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L. Maurice McCrea  
Miss Susie Robinson  
Miss Onnalee Saunders  
Mrs. Thelma (Donald) Stearns  
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Mrs. Kathryn (William) Thompson  
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Mrs. Mary Cudahy  
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Mrs. Madge (Harley) Sutton  
Donald Van Horn

### Alfred:

Mrs. Mary (D. W.) Clare  
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Mrs. Frances (David) Clarke  
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Mrs. Catharine (John) Jacox  
Mrs. Jennifer (Russell) Johnson  
Russell Johnson  
Miss Sandy Snyder

Committee chairmen are named by the president of the directors, and consultants are named by the chairmen or by the directors in board meetings. New members are invited to participate in committee work before they take office January 1.

The meeting adopted the Annual Re-

## RETIRING DIRECTORS HONORED

Mrs. Francis (Ruth) Bucher of Little Genesee, N. Y., and Rev. Hurley S. Warren of Almond, N. Y., resigned from the Board of Directors as of the Annual Meeting. The board accepted their resignations with regret and voted to extend its appreciation to each. The corresponding and executive secretaries have sent letters to each one expressing gratitude for their services and best wishes in their hearts and homes.

Mrs. Bucher has served for several years on the Family Life Committee and many of you have shared her articles on the concerns of family living as Christians. She has been invaluable in bringing a number of resources and viewpoints to the Family Life Committee especially, but has added her presence and wisdom to the directors' meeting also.

"Pastor Warren" has served the board for over twenty years since he came to the Alfred church in 1952. He has brought wisdom and candor and love to the board through the various changes which included the struggles to keep the School of Theology financially solvent as well as progressing scholastically. He has been a guiding light in the Higher Education Committee, continually helping to develop effective ministers' conferences. Bringing his wide experience from several parishes, from denominational board work and from editorship of the *Sabbath Recorder* just prior to coming to the Alfred pastorate, Pastor Warren will be deeply missed in the meetings of the board and the Finance and Leadership Development Committees.

We feel sure that many persons across the denomination will want to express the sincere appreciation of all of us for these fine servants of Jesus the Christ in the Christian education field.

port for 1972 as presented to the 1973 Conference in printed form, with an addition to the Youth Work Committee section showing collaboration with Conference guidelines. Matters regarding printing of future reports were discussed. A vote of appreciation was extended to resigning members.

## Children's Page

"Does God Really Answer Prayer?"

### A STORY FROM PASTOR CHUCK

Rev. Charles Graffius  
Salemville German Church

Peter was one of the twelve disciples. He was a very good friend of Jesus. Peter was also a Jew and should have been a friend of all Jews except for one thing; Peter was a Christian and many of the Jews hated Christians because they didn't understand that Jesus died on the Cross for them and that He was the Messiah that they were looking for. Oh! By the way—Messiah means Savior—and good friend and this is exactly what Jesus wants to be.

Well—now where were we? Oh yes, we are going to tell you a story about Peter.

The group of Jews that hated Peter took him away from a big holy day celebration. You see, they found him near the synagogue or church and marched him right off to jail. They were planning to kill Peter the very next day and probably would have except for one thing. Across town there was another group of Jews, only this group was a Christian group, or perhaps we should say a praying Christian group and that's exactly what they were doing. They were praying for Peter. Peter needed their prayers because he was in a dark, damp, cold jail, chained between two very big soldiers in a cell with a large stony iron gate between him and the street.

Wow! Our friend Peter is in big trouble, isn't he? Let's see just what kind of trouble.

While the Christians were praying across town, an angel came into Peter's cell and that made a bright light. Almost immediately Peter was awake and listening to the angel say, "Quick! Get up!" The angel looked and the chains simply fell off of Peter's hands and feet. "Put your shoes and coat on and follow me," the angel said as he led Peter toward that big iron gate.

Now angels don't carry keys, especially jail keys, because, well — you don't



very often hear of angels being in jail, and he really didn't need a key to get in; did he?

As Peter and the angel approached the gate, it just opened. The angel could have said to Peter, "Look Peter, no keys," but they were too busy. Peter looked back and the two guards were still sleeping just as if nothing ever happened. I'll bet the warden of that jail had plenty to say when he found the guards sleeping and the prisoner gone.

About now the angel left Peter all alone and so Peter hurried across town to the house where the Christians were praying. Peter knocked on the door and Rhoda, that's the little girl's name that lived at that house, came to answer the door.

When she heard Peter's voice, she was too excited to let him in, but turned around and ran to tell the others. They could hardly believe her at first but finally Peter came in and they had a wonderful reunion. They sat down and Peter told them all about his experience and how glad he was that he was a Christian and that they were not just regular Christians but praying Christians.

Do you think God answered their prayers?

## ASSOCIATION HOSTS MEXICAN PASTOR

Dr. Ted Horsley

Missions was the theme of the Mid-continent Associational annual session hosted by the Denver church October 5-7. Pastor Eugenio Aldave and his son David, of Torreon, Mexico, and Rev. Leon Lawton of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society were the invited participants in a program emphasizing to all members and churches our fundamental *raison d'être*.

The major portion of each service was translated into (or from) Spanish lending a special international flavor to the weekend. Gary Cox arranged for members of his school's Spanish faculty to serve as interpreters and the pastor of the local Seventh-day Adventist church also served.

Pastor Glen Warner, assisted by Pastor Aldave, led in the Friday evening communion service. Pastor Lawton presented the Sabbath sermon "Links of Life," aided by Pastors Elmo Fitz Randolph of Boulder, and Paul Osborn of Nortonville. He stressed the essential sharing aspect of the Christian life and amplified this with practical aspects of the denominational program in a combined Sabbath School class.

Sabbath afternoon Pastor Aldave and David soon had everyone singing in Spanish with them. They explained their work in Torreon, a city of 300,000. The Denver church has sent its Sabbath School mission offering there for several years. A vesper service was presented by Myrna Cox with members of the Women's Society and the Sunshine Singers taking part.

Dr. Ted Horsley, president of the association, addressed the congregation on Sunday morning with the concept that suicide, in the physical life or in the church life, results from the feeling that there is no meaningful purpose to that



Learning to sing in Spanish

life. "Every member's work, regardless of what that work is, becomes meaningful and satisfying if it is part of a program that brings souls to Christ. If it is only to maintain an institution it becomes meaningless." The response of the churches in terms of a practical dynamic program of outreach indicated that we have a very long way to progress in attitude and methods of evangelism.

The association elected Elery King of North Loup as president for the coming year, and accepted the invitation of the North Loup church to host the next fall's meeting.



Pastor Aldave and Rev. Leon Lawton — Guest speakers at the Association meetings.

## MR. AND MRS. CARL SMITH ORDAINED

At the September 29 meeting of the Albion and Milton Junction, Wisconsin, churches Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith were ordained to the diaconate of the Albion SDB Church. Following the statements by the candidates Deaconess Evelyn Marsden gave the charge to the couple with Professor Leland Shaw giving the charge to the church. Deaconesses Clara Loofboro, Elizabeth Green, Rose Reier-son, Evelyn Marsden, Ferieda Burdick and Deacon Clinton Green joined in the laying on of hands with the Rev. Addison Appel giving the prayer of consecration. Then Deacon Green welcomed Carl and Donna Smith into the diaconate.

Special music for the ordination service included an anthem "My Task" by the Milton Junction choir; a piano solo by Barbara Smith, daughter of the new deacon and deaconess; a solo "So Send I You," by Jeanette Appel. Communion and fellowship dinner followed.

Carl and Donna are real assets to the Albion church. Donna currently serves as Sabbath School superintendent. Carl is treasurer, trustee and co-teacher of the adult Sabbath School class. They have three children: Vernie, Barbara and Jacqueline.

### Donna Smith's Statement of the Candidate message:

A Bible verse that I memorized many years ago in Bible school kept popping back at me as I had to make the decision whether or not to agree to be a member of the diaconate of this church. The verse is from Philippians 4:13 and reads — "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I am pleased that my fellow church members have confidence enough in me to ask me to serve as deaconess. It took me quite a while before I said, "Yes." It took me



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith

so long only because I felt so inadequate and unworthy of this position. To help me with my decision I was given *A Manual of Procedures for Seventh Day Baptist Churches* to read. I was also given the book titled *The Deacon in a Changing Church*. The reading of these books didn't make my decision any easier. It only made me realize the enormous responsibility that goes with this job. But with the promise from Philippians 4:13 I felt I should and could accept the position.

As to my beliefs:

1. I believe in the one God, Creator of all things.
2. I believe God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to come to earth and die that I may be saved from my sins.
3. I believe the Bible is the inspired word of God.

4. I believe the seventh-day Sabbath was blessed by God himself and set aside as a day of rest for us.

As most of you know I have not always been a Seventh Day Baptist. I grew up in a church going family so church attendance came naturally for me. But it wasn't until I was about an eighth grader and attending a Bible camp one summer that I went forward and accepted Christ as my own personal Savior. What a happy memory for me. That is a great expe-

rience that each person must experience for himself. I have felt so fortunate and thank God for a Christian husband. It is making this journey through life a much easier road to follow. Although we have been Sabbathkeepers for only about five years we had felt the desire to observe the seventh-day Sabbath for some time, but did nothing about it. It was simpler to just continue the tradition of attending church on Sunday. It was after our children were growing up that we felt the urgent need to make the change. I must say that it was not an easy thing for me to do but Matthew 5:19, you might say, kept haunting me. It reads like this — "Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." We were certainly teaching our children by our example.

So our search for a Sabbathkeeping church began and here we are. The first time we attended church here at Albion happened to be Sabbath Rally Day in May of 1968. Pastor Appel preached an excellent sermon and said many things that I was needing to hear to give me the reassurance I was needing at this trying time.

I have had people tell me that it isn't really necessary to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. That the really important thing is to love God with all your mind and with all your heart and with all your soul as stated in Matthew 22:37. But I believe that it is this very love with all my heart, soul, and mind that makes it necessary for me to go all the way and keep the seventh-day Sabbath as God commanded Moses.

After much thought I have agreed to be a member of the diaconate of this church. With your confidence and God's help I will do my best.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 1, 1973

WHY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN?

Lesson Scripture: John 20:30, 31; 1:6-13; 17:1-3.

#### CONSULTANTS AND COMMITTEES NAMED BY TRACT BOARD

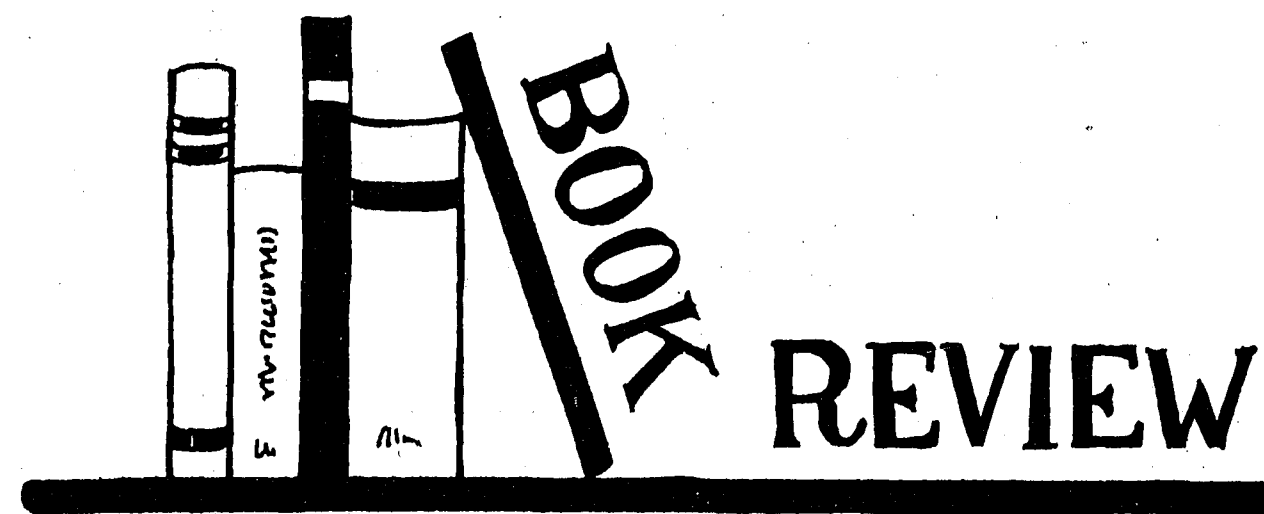
By Albert N. Rogers

Consultant members were named to the Tract Board at its October 21 meeting including the Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby now living at South Daytona, Fla.; Calvin Babcock, North Little Rock, Ark., a member of the AV Services committee for several years; and the executives of other denominational agencies. A resolution of appreciation for the services of Mr. and Mrs. Maltby through more than twenty years was unanimously adopted by standing vote.

Charles H. North, president, announced standing committees for the coming year. Chair persons include Miss Sharon Ayars, Sabbath Promotion; James R. Davis, Finance; John L. Harris, Advisory; Mrs. Anna C. North, Publications; Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Supervisory; Phillip D. Van Horn, AV Services. Mrs. Ethel Wheeler was elected member-at-large on the Executive Committee.

Details of new work were discussed, chief of which was the plan for the new *Sabbath Recorder* previously announced. John D. Bevis, publishing director, gave his first report since beginning work in July covering tract distribution, correspondence, audiovisual materials, Publishing House management and consultations with Planning Committee. A vote of thanks was given to the Troika, the management committee which served in the interim before Mr. Bevis' arrival. Assistance to local groups sponsoring exhibits and booths at county fairs was also reported on by Miss Ayars for the Sabbath Promotion Committee.

Luncheon was served before the meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bevis by arrangement of the Women's Society of the Plainfield church.



#### YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH: THE BAPTIST STORY

*You Shall Know the Truth: The Baptist Story*

by Jessyca Russell Gaver. New York: Lancer Books, 1973.

This is a recently published book discussing the Baptists, the largest Protestant group in the United States. The author states that Baptists are more than a religion. "They are an idea. An idea of freedom for the individual, of oneness in faith, and of everlasting hope in the goodness of mankind." It is further stated that perhaps Baptists, more than any other group, influenced the development of religious freedom in the United States.

The first chapter deals with a history of Baptists in America and the final chapter discusses the Baptist World Alliance. The remainder of the book is devoted to the various Baptist denominations from the large Southern Baptist Convention with some twelve million members to our own Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

*Sabbath Recorder* readers will find the chapter on Seventh Day Baptists especially interesting. Perhaps it is not often that we have occasion to see ourselves as others see us. The author based her conclusions on a visit to the Plainfield church for a Communion service, a tour of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, and various publications of the American Sabbath Tract Society. However, it would appear that she was most impressed by the friendly Plainfield church, the young people's Sabbath School class, and certain individuals whom she met. We thought it would be interesting to share some of her impressions of those she met in Plainfield.

Rev. Albert Rogers: "His ministry must have been a joy and a haven for those with spiritual or personal problems . . . Rev. Rogers is patient beyond belief and instinctively kind."

Mrs. Janette Rogers: "It was easy to imagine her feeding home-baked cookies to visitors, because she is that rare human being, indeed, filled with unceasing love and acceptance."

Rev. Alton Wheeler: ". . . a warm and wise person . . . whose smile is a thing to cherish."

Rev. Herbert Saunders: ". . . he looked like a former football player." "He commands respect by being self-assured, without smugness or conceit. He emanates kindness, self-assurance, and understanding."

Mrs. Barbara Saunders: "A sparkling, short-haired brunette, frank and forthright . . . she tries to be herself and avoid being categorized as 'the minister's wife.'"

A short history of Seventh Day Baptists follows, with a discussion of Seventh Day Baptist polity and organization. Considerable attention is given to recent Statements on Social Action as adopted by Conference.

The main difference between Seventh Day Baptists and other Baptists of

course is the Sabbath question. The author presents the Sabbath from our own publications without comment. The publications used were "Sabbath and Sunday" and "What and Why Are Seventh Day Baptists?" both available in tract form from the American Sabbath Tract Society. We appreciate the fair and factual presentation of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs. This book should contribute to a greater understanding among Baptists and others of the basic beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. This newly released book is now available at your local bookstore.

## SCSC 1974

The Summer Christian Service Corps is making plans for the 1974 season, and each one of you can be a part of the plans. Whether it be through dedicated service, or providing a comprehensive project through your church, or providing financial help, *we need you.*

To serve with SCSC you must be a high school graduate, and be willing to serve in any area of the United States. Training will be provided, and transportation expenses will be paid. The benefits you receive through the work you do are always as great as the benefits you give to others.

Has your church considered using the talents of a SCSC team this year? Do you have projects that need help in being implemented? Do some really creative planning, and call for dedicated workers to give you a hand.

Our outreach through SCSC is growing steadily every year, and through your very generous financial support we have been able to continue to expand. We feel certain that you will continue to give us the funds to do God's work across this nation of ours.

The dateline for applications for workers and projects is January 15, and the deadline for all applications is March 1.

For application blanks please write to

Alton Wheeler  
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868  
Plainfield, New Jersey 07061

Gifts should be sent to

Jennie Wells  
700 Mohawk #207  
Boulder, Colorado 80303

## Rogers Accepts Award

Frank H. Blatz, Jr., mayor, and the Beautification Committee of the City of Plainfield cited the Seventh Day Baptist Building for continued maintenance of its grounds and plantings at the annual awards dinner held on October 30. Several other professional and commercial establishments were also honored, and the children's gardens and recycling programs sponsored by the committee were highlighted.

The plantings include forsythia, climbing roses, arborvitae and a mimosa tree donated in 1969 by Louis Gauch of Dunellen, N. J., a member of the Plainfield church. Canadian hemlock, barberry and annuals have been added so that the grounds compare favorably with City Hall park across the street and other mini-gardens in the area. The lawn is kept by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and other volunteers. The award certificate which is to be hung in the foyer of the building was accepted by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers who planned the shrubbery arrangement and serves as custodian for the trustees of General Conference. He and Mrs. Rogers were guests of the Beautification Committee at the awards dinner.

## NBC's Films

### for Concerned Christians

Did you know that NBC Educational Enterprises is offering "a collection of films for concerned Christians"? Write to NBC Educational Enterprises, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y., N. Y. 10020 (212-Ci-708300) for their brochure.

## NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Central Association was hosted by the White Cloud Church October 5 - 7. The theme for the meetings was "This Is My World" with Scripture text from John 14:4-5.

The meetings began with a candlelight service on Sabbath Eve under the direction of Persus DeLand. After the welcome by Pastor Earl DeLand and call to order by the president, Arnold Davis, the evening message was brought by Pastor Earl Cruzan.

Sabbath morning about 125 representatives from the Association churches met in worship with the message brought by Conference President Ernest Bond on "The Christ of Two Worlds." This was followed by the celebration of Communion under the direction of Pastors H. Earl DeLand and S. Kenneth Davis. The noon meal was served at St. Joseph's church less than a block from the White Cloud church.

At 1:30 the Conference theme and program were presented by Ernest Bond, and some of the concepts of the Conference Planning Committee on Reach Out Now (RON) were shared. A unique approach was made to the youth program under the direction of Pastor John Camenga. It was encouraging to hear our young people express their faith in God, in Seventh Day Baptists and vision of continued service by Seventh Day Baptists.

The young people gathered for their own program at 5 p.m., which included supper, recreation and worship. The rest were fed at the church.

Testimony from eight women: Ruth Burdick, Lorna Austin, Mildred Babcock, Mabel Cruzan, Elizabeth Green, Linda Camenga, Clara Loofboro, Helen Bond, on "What Is My World?" provided the program for the women's meeting, under the direction of Jeanette Appel. This was very thought provoking and set the tone for the evening service with Pastor A. A. Appel speaking on "Mission Impossible."

Special music from solos, duets, and quartets enhanced the worship experience.

Sunday morning began with devotion by Pastor S. Kenneth Davis at 9 a.m. and was followed by the business meeting at 9:30. Reports of the committees were received. Officers for 1974 were elected as follows: Phillip Greene, president; Norman Burdick, vice-president; secretary, Thelma Hurley; treasurer, Gladys Drake; youth representative, Cheri Austin; Involvement and Encounter Committee, Rev. Earl DeLand, chm., Bill Bond, Walter Loofboro, Ron Ochs, Helen Ruth Green; Christian Education Committee: Rev. Earl Cruzan, chm., Rev. Addison Appel, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis; Youth Committee, Rev. John Camenga, chm., Robert Appel, Lisa Powell, Linda Burdick, Carl DeLand. The Nominating Committee was elected from the floor with George Parrish as convener, Pansy Green and Jerry Vaught making up the committee.

The matter of RON and the Ohio Fellowship was a major matter of discussion. Members of the Ohio Fellowship who were present met several times during the Association to consider their involvement and commitment in this endeavor. The optimism which prevailed from their meetings was shared with the Association in business session. Action was taken to support in every way possible the outreach endeavors in Ohio with the understanding that the Association's role is basically supportive: Prayer, finance, leadership as available and called for, rather than initiative.

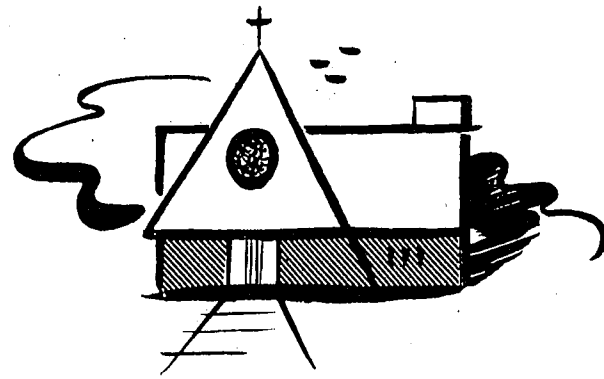
The assessment from member churches was kept at \$1.00 per member as recorded in the latest *Yearbook* with the expectation that a portion of the current balance may be used in the Ohio outreach if called for.

The Association adjourned at noon to meet with the New Auburn church on October 11 - 13, 1974.

The White Cloud church did a royal job of hosting Association with housing in homes and two meals served at the church.

It was a pleasure to meet in the newly refurbished White Cloud church.

**NEWS  
FROM  
THE  
CHURCHES**



MARLBORO, N. J. — Early in September, the worship services were held out-of-doors at the All Church Retreat at Jersey Oaks Camp. The theme was "I Am Responsible." Mrs. Rose Davis and the Social Committee planned the meals. It was a weekend to be remembered.

The Key '73 Crusade at Bridgeton High School, with the Rev. Dave Bailey, evangelist, was well attended.

Miss Mary Jane Campbell gave her summer SCSC experience in Washington State at the Mite Society meeting in Shiloh.

Small group meetings are being held in this area. A study is being made of the Holy Spirit and others are studying the book of Ephesians.

Harvest Home, in conjunction with Worldwide Communion, was observed October 5-6. Decorations were in keeping with the occasion. A skit, "Mrs. Growing Christian," was presented by the young people. The love offering was designated for painting the church.

Four from Marlboro attended Yearly Meeting in Berlin, N. Y.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan B. Davis was celebrated in the church basement, September 23, 1973.

The Edward Lawrence family presented a new piano to the church in memory of their son and brother, Bill.

The Light Bearers for Christ, under the leadership of the Rev. Mynor Soper, presented a program of gospel music and testimony recently.

Bible Studies are conducted each Friday night. The lesson is from "The Christian and the Abundant Life."

—Mrs. Ella Davis, Correspondent

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.— Members and friends of the Riverside church enjoyed a fine organ recital played by Ben Herbert on their new Baldwin organ, on Sabbath afternoon, November 10, on the occasion of the dedication of the instrument.

The Rev. Don Phillips, pastor of the church, read Psalm 98 and led in the Litany of Dedication. Hymns were sung and prayers offered. Mrs. Philip Lewis, the church organist, and Mrs. Don Phillips (at the piano) played several numbers during the opening portion of the afternoon's program.

The recital consisted of music for the Christmas season, concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus by Handel.

Refreshments were served in the Social Hall following the recital.

Funds used for the purchase of the organ were part of a gift given to the church by Miss Lillian Babcock, a long-time member of the church. Mr. Herbert is her nephew. She did much to encourage and help him in his early musical education.

—Jackie Wells

**Something About Specials**

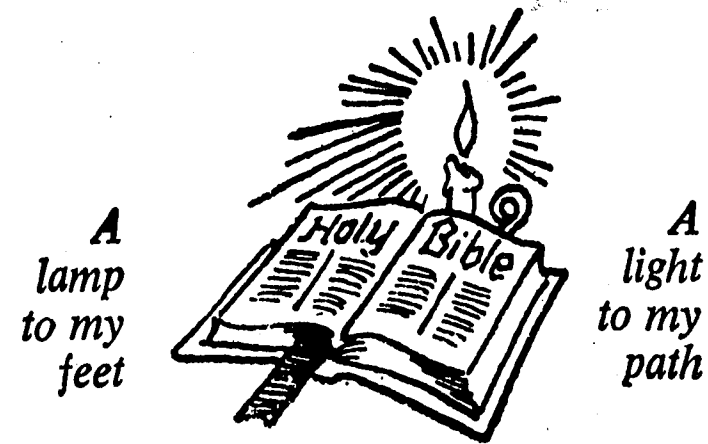
Watch for these National Geographic color specials to be aired on the ABC-TV Network in the '73 - '74 season:

Journey to the Outer Limits — about outward bound survival school students on a mountain climbing expedition in Peru.

The Big Cats — about major felines bordering on extinction.

The Desert Bushmen of the Kalahari— on the earth's most primitive people.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
FOR DECEMBER 1973**



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

**Why the Gospel of John?**

1—Sabbath. "That You May Have Life." John 20:26-31.

**Who Is This Jesus?**

2—Sun. "The Lamb of God." John 1:35-42.

3—Mon. "The One of Whom the Prophets Wrote." John 1:43-51.

4—Tues. "The Good Shepherd." John 10:22-30.

5—Wed. Doing the Works of the Father. John 10:31-42.

6—Thurs. The Manifestation of Life. 1 John 1:1-10.

7—Fri. The Son of God. 1 John 5:1-5.

8—Sabbath. A Living Hope. 1 Peter 1:3-9.

**Belief or Unbelief?**

9—Sun. "Whoever Believes in Him." John 3:16-21.

10—Mon. Belief and Salvation. Romans 10:1-10.

11—Tues. Prayer and Belief. Luke 11:1-13.

12—Wed. Some Greeks Seek Jesus. John 12:20-26.

13—Thurs. When I Am Lifted Up. John 12:17-36a.

14—Fri. The Tragedy of Unbelief. John 12:36b-43.

15—Sabbath. No Need To Remain in Darkness. John 12:44-50.

**The Word Dwelt Among Us**

16—Sun. "God with Us." Isaiah 7:10-14.

17—Mon. "To Us a Son Is Given." Isaiah 9:1-7.

18—Tues. "Good Tidings to the Afflicted." Isaiah 61:1-4.

19—Wed. The Lord's Servant. Isaiah 52:13-53:3.

20—Thurs. The Servant's Suffering. Isaiah 53:4-12.

21—Fri. The Source of All Life. John 1:1-5.

22—Sabbath. God Incarnate. John 1:14-18.

**Water for the Thirsty**

23—Sun. God Has Visited His People. Luke 1:68-79.

24—Mon. "O Holy Child of Bethlehem." Luke 8:20.

25—Tues. The Living Water. John 4:1-15.

26—Wed. God Is Spirit. John 4:16-26.

27—Thurs. Deep Inner Satisfaction. John 4:27-38.

28—Fri. "We Have Heard for Ourselves." John 4:39-45.

29—Sabbath. "So Longs My Soul for Thee." Psalm 42.

**Bread for the Hungry**

30—Sun. Feeding the Five Thousand. John 6:1-14.

31—Mon. Rejection of a Revolutionary Plot. John 6:15-21.

**Accessions**

PAINT ROCK, ALA.

Rev. Leslie Welch, Pastor

By Testimony:

Douglas Williams

**Obituaries**

HANCOCK.— Walter Edgar, son of Thomas and Emma Jean Yeatman Hancock, was born at Marietta, Cass County, Texas, in 1884, and died October 25, 1973 at Madison, Tenn.

He attended Keene Academy, Keene, Texas, and George Washington University, Washington, D.C., where he received a Master's degree. He received a Ph.D. degree in foreign languages and history from the University of Texas, and taught at both these schools, also in Ontario, Canada, and in Guatemala.

Ordained to the Seventh-day Adventist ministry, he served as superintendent of their North Africa missions, as president of conferences in Chile and in Argentina, and as chairman of the Chilean training school.

Coming to Salem College as head of the foreign language department he united with the Seventh Day Baptist church there, and was recognized as a minister. For a brief time in 1941 he served as supply pastor for the Oakdale (now Paint Rock) Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Retiring to Madison, Tenn., in 1945, he continued to do part-time teaching there, at St. Augustine, Fla., and other places, under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventists.

He was married in 1938 to Alma Cantwell of Cairo, W.Va., who survives; also two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Murphy of Madison and Jennifer Hancock of Baltimore; a son, Walter E. Hancock of Abbeville, La.; two sisters, three brothers, and two grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted on Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 27, at a Naples, Texas, funeral home by Elders T. C. Culpepper and R. R. Osborne, and burial was in New Hope Cemetery, Cass County, Texas, near his birthplace.

—C. A. B.

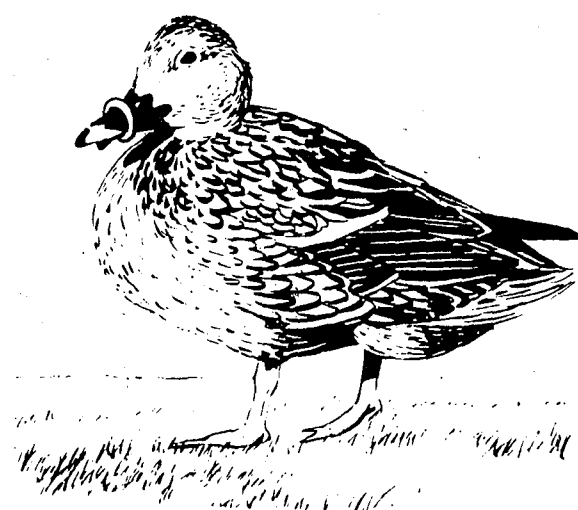
"Our youngsters are using drugs in the amounts that they are and with the reckless abandon that they are because it is the 'in' thing to do. It is the fashionable way of expressing your young, daring, growing-up years." — Art Linkletter



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## FOR THE SAKE OF A DUCK



Poor Ringo the duck! Grubbing for food on the bottom of Grenadier Pond, in Toronto's High Park, the duck got a pull-ring from a beverage can clamped around her beak. As a result the duck could not feed properly and faced starvation when the pond froze over. Concerned people saw her plight, and set in motion various attempts to capture the bird and remove the ring.

First, a cannon which fires a large net was set up on the shores of the pond. But no success!

Then a skin diver tried to scare Ringo out from the bulrushes. Again, no success!

The Toronto Humane Society tried to allure Ringo with bread and corn, but that only drew sea gulls from miles around.

Finally, Canada's champion duck-caller was called in, but although he got the attention of nearly every duck in the pond, Ringo did not respond.

All for the sake of a duck! Ringo simply did not understand that all these attempts were not designed to frighten her, but to free her from her plight.

Let's transfer the story of Ringo to a higher sphere. Have you ever grasped the fact that God approaches you not to hurt but to help you? The methods He employs may startle you and at the beginning even scare you. But God is out to assist you and to release you from the sin that would eternally harm you.

Centuries ago the Lord had a message for His own people, who were fleeing from Him. "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts" (Isaiah 65:2). Through Ezekiel He said to the same people: "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

There's the question you must answer: Why will you die?

—The Prairie Overcomer



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## THE SONSHINE SINGERS OF THE DENVER SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Chuck Smith, Joe Miller, Nancy Brannon, Elizabeth Compton,  
Fe Steele, Luellen Sidor, Katrina Compton and Sharon Ford.

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