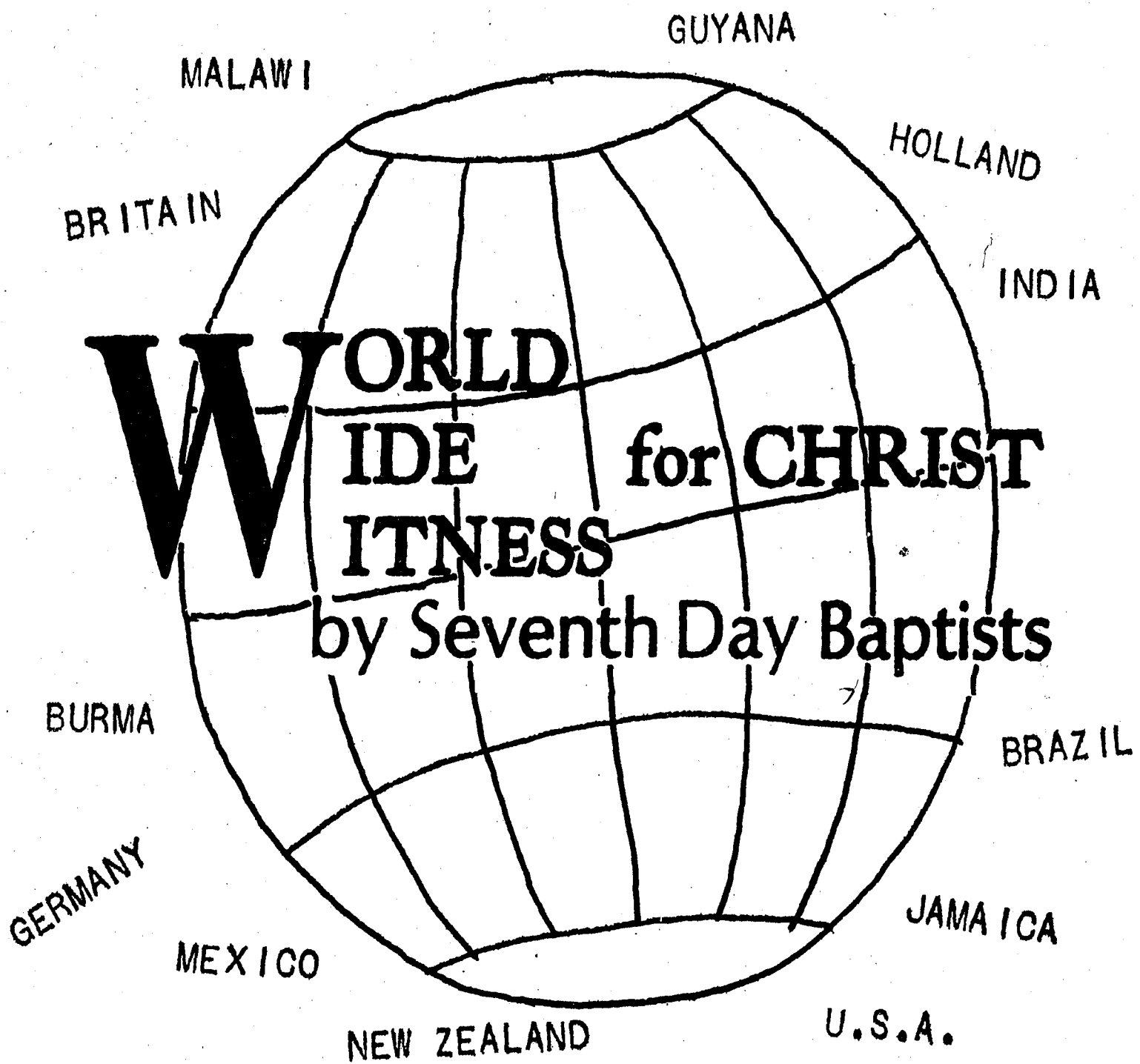


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National Council of Churches Opposes Tax Credit Parochial

The National Council of Churches, representing 32 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations with an aggregate membership of 42 million, has told Congress it opposes the "tax credit" plan for providing tax aid to parochial and private schools.

The Council statement charged that the tax credit parochial school aid plan would discriminate against the poor and favor the more affluent. It also showed that the main argument for the tax credit scheme — that it would stop declining parochial school enrollments and prevent the "swamping of public schools" is fallacious for at least three reasons: 1. Parochial schools are not closing for financial reasons; 2. "Public schools have been able to assimilate such transfers without major dislocations and can continue to do so," due to the birth-rate decline in recent years; and 3. "The Roman Catholic Church has not undertaken serious grass-roots fundraising campaigns for increase in voluntary contributions from its members."

According to the National Council statement, the Catholic Church seems "to be lagging behind other churches in per capita giving, perhaps as low as one-half or one-third the national average" of \$93.35.

In urging Congress not to pass any tax credit parochial proposals, the National Council said that "If Roman Catholics are not exerting themselves any more sacrificially than \$30 or \$40 per year per capita to keep their schools going, why should the rest of society make up the difference?"

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EDITORIALS

New Features Planned

In the weeks ahead there are several new features planned for the *Sabbath Recorder*. One of our goals is to foster more interest and appeal among our readers. In an attempt to strengthen our lines of communication we introduce *Denominational Dateline*. The feature will include the travel and meeting plans of the denominational leadership. Also it will provide a capsule of important events and decisions taking place among the various boards and at the denominational headquarters.

Our general secretary, Dr. Alton L. Wheeler, is indeed a very busy person. However, the membership of the churches often does not know exactly where he is or what he is doing. For many the only report they receive comes from Commission or at Conference. Therefore, Secretary Wheeler has consented to report monthly his activities and concerns through the *Sabbath Recorder* in a feature to be known as *The General Secretary Reports*. This we believe will create more dialogue between the membership and the office of the general secretary as well as foster more interest in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Recorder Reactions is the new title for letters to the editor. This attraction depends entirely on our readers. We sincerely hope you will use this as a means of expressing your concerns as well as your reaction to the *Sabbath Recorder*. Again we would invite your ideas and suggestions as to how we can best meet your needs through the pages of this publication. The *Sabbath Recorder* is not published for the editor or some small

committee — it is *your* paper and only with your help can we make this ministry more effective.

In an effort to reach all age groups we plan a monthly *Children's Page*. We are happy to announce that the Rev. Charles Graffius of the Salemville German Church has consented to edit this page. Those who know "Pastor Chuck" are already familiar with his talents when it comes to children's sermons. We hope with his help our boys and girls will become avid *Recorder* readers.

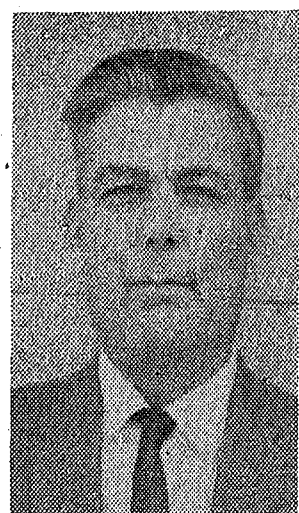
How I Became a Seventh Day Baptist is a new feature beginning this month. In a denomination that is so "family" perhaps it will be good to learn what attracts others to us. It is our contention that Seventh Day Baptists have a message for all the world, a message that when properly presented results in spiritual and numerical growth. We hope you will read and be blessed as some of our newer members share their experiences with us.

Churches are made up of many individuals. Sometimes it seems that our society has become too institution oriented often forgetting the individual. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Every man is unique." In an effort to give recognition to the many individuals who contribute so much to our denomination we plan a series entitled *Personality Profile*. This will be a salute to those who labor for the church in their own unique way, often quietly and without any desire for recognition. We invite you to submit names of those you feel we should feature.

We plan to continue *Book Reviews*

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Why do we not grow?



FAITH
THE
KEY

By Albyn Macintosh

"And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:40); "...Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8); "And he could there do no mighty work... And He marvelled because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:5, 6).

The question is often asked—"Why do we not grow?" Then along come dedicated persons, unquestionably called of God and we expect a blueprint of their activities for the next few years before considering supporting their activities. "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18). "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mark 10:15).

We seem to have lost the vision. A

from time to time in the effort to keep our readers aware of the newest and best in Christian publications. News from the local churches is very important and we hope that each church will appoint a correspondent who will keep us aware of local church activities and concerns. The various denominational boards will continue their contributions to the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Let us all work together to make our denominational paper appealing, effective and indeed a real blessing to all those who read it.

child dreams and envisions great and greater things to come. He is full of vigor and ready to give his all to the task. An old and dying man wants to conserve his energy. He is careful with every step and lives in fear of falling.

A person who is climbing may get bumped, bruised, and scratched, but if he is going to reach the top, climbing will have to continue. We cannot go back. Jesus said that those who turn back are unfit for the kingdom of God (Lk. 9:62).

The story has been told before, but perhaps it will bear repeating. A group of young people of the Los Angeles church gathered in a home for a social and decided that they needed a pastor. A pastor was called and he came with the understanding that he would work to supplement his salary, part of which was supplied by the Missionary Board. The vision grew. One evening some asked of each other, "Why do we not grow more?" The answer seemed to be, "we need a full-time pastor and so let us ask him to give full time." "But where is the money to come from?" "Let us call him and leave that up to faith—working faith by which faith grows."

The pastor accepted the call to full time. There had been just enough in the treasury to pay his part-time salary but when the full-time salary came due there was enough to meet the need. The church ceased being a home mission supported church. Month by month ever since the pastor's salary has been paid.

Basic atheism has truly been said to be, "unwillingness to commit ourselves to God's keeping; callousness to God's demands, ordering our lives as though God did not exist."

Faith is not being gullible, nor is it an intellectual assent to the truth of a statement. Faith is a positive trust, an illuminated belief, a courageous adventure in harmony with God's leading.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).

— Mission Notes, October 1952

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PHILLIP VAN HORN CALLED
TO PRINTING MINISTRY

For several years it has been expected that changes in the type of printing done in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House will be required to make possible publications which will do what they are expected to do more effectively than methods of the past. The Supervisory Committee of the Publishing House has studied these matters very carefully in consultation with General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, Loren G. Osborn, and others.

The Board in July 1973, voted to purchase offset printing equipment with a subcommittee established to study models and specifications so that an order can be placed for delivery sometime in the fall.

Henry Poulin, who has been our printer since the phase-over from commercial work after working many years for the Recorder Press, is of retirement age. The board has seen the need to hire a younger man to assume printing and shop supervision duties. Answering the call extended by the Board to assume the duties of a printing ministry is Phillip Van Horn of Plainfield, N. J. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Van Horn of North Loup, Nebraska, Phil is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He recently returned to Plainfield following a four-year tour of duty with the United States Navy. Phil is very active in church affairs and is currently serving as a trustee of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield, and chairman of the Audio and Visual Services Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society. He is married to Peggy Williams Van Horn, secretary to Alton L. Wheeler.

Mr. Van Horn will assume his responsibilities in October with the complete change-over to offset equipment hopefully to be completed by January of 1974. We pray God's blessing on Phil as he begins this printing ministry.



Peg and Phil Van Horn

DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

- Aug. 12-18
General Conference Sessions
Milton College, Milton, Wis.
- Sept. 1-3
David S. Clarke
Allegheny Association Family Camp
- Sept. 23-28
Planning Committee, Plainfield
All Board secretaries and Conference president
- Sept. 29 - Oct. 7
Mynor G. Soper, Lay Training
Waterford, Conn., Church
- Sept. 30
David S. Clarke
S.D.B. State Council (NYS)
Syracuse, N. Y.



Mrs. Rose Carter of Denver
shares with Recorder readers . . .

"HOW I BECAME A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST"

I was born and brought up in Hungary receiving my education in a convent. I survived World War II, lived under the Communist occupation for a year, and in December of 1945 left Hungary. I left my country with the hope that I could immigrate to the United States. It took six years for that dream to come true. In the meantime, I met and married my husband in Germany. Finally in 1951, we were allowed to come to this country. Though we were not expecting an instant relief of all our problems, we surely did not think they would last for another six years either. How much easier it could have been to endure these hardships if only I had the faith in God that I have now! I could not accept the religion I was brought up in. Perhaps the main reason for this was that I was taught to fear God instead of loving Him, therefore I was afraid of Him.

For years I was searching for a religion where I could find God. After years of drifting from one church to another, I kind of gave up ever finding what I was yearning for. Then one day I was in Dr. Horsley's office, where I saw some name cards on the table. They were identification cards for the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver. I had never heard of this religion so naturally I wanted to find out more about it. I put one of the cards in my purse. Later I asked Dr. Horsley what kind of religion it was. He talked briefly about it and mentioned that he taught a Sabbath School class at the church. That sounded strange to me and made me curious. I could not picture him as a Bible teacher and I said, "I have to hear that once." "Please do," was his reply.

It was three or four months before I got to the church. However, that first time

I was so impressed by the service and the Sabbath School class, that I went back week after week not missing a Sabbath unless I was out of town. The first thing I felt when I went to this church was that it had a spiritual and reverent atmosphere that I had not experienced in any other church. I could give my undivided attention to the sermon and it was very meaningful to me.

"I was surprised to find
that there is a religion
where I am allowed to think,
debate, or even doubt . . ."

A peaceful sensation came over me. After the sermon I met the people of the congregation. Everyone I met was warm and very friendly, they made me feel like I belonged there.

After the worship service came Sabbath School where there were several surprising things in store for me. First I realized that the same man who did not look like a Bible teacher turned out to be a real inspirational one. Also I was surprised to find that there is a religion where I am allowed to think, debate, or even doubt certain things in the Bible. I may form my own opinion about it and will not be punished by God as long as I have accepted Him. I must admit that after that first church experience I was greatly touched and moved, and I was looking forward to the next and every Sabbath.

I talked with Mrs. Horsley and asked her how I could learn faster about the Seventh Day Baptist doctrines. She said others had asked this also, and was sure arrangements could be made for a weekly Bible study class. I was called a few days later and invited to a Bible study class given by Dr. Horsley, Wednesday nights in the church. These studies continued

for about three months with twelve in attendance. I did not miss a single study. We were taught Bible truths regarding Salvation, Baptism, the Sabbath, etc. Throughout these studies I felt the leading of the Holy Spirit into a full conviction of truth.

Then came the time when I felt a great desire to be baptized; on June 10, 1972, my wish was granted. What a glorious and happy experience that was! It was at that time I became a Seventh Day Baptist in my heart. One week later I officially joined the church.

That was the way I found what I was searching for. How do I know for sure? Because the peace of mind and the kind of happiness I experience can only come from a heart where God is present.

Spiritually I am growing all the time. The more I learn about God, the more I realize how little I know. Growing up in the spirit of God is a never ending process. It is like the sky — there is no limit.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The successful completion of the year's theme "Growing Up in All Things," in the sessions of the General Conference.

2) Our church in the nation's capital that God will lead and guide in the calling of a pastor for this growing and challenging parish. Let us pray for the continuation of a strong Seventh Day Baptist witness there.

3) A new spirit among Seventh Day Baptists, that we will see the vision of our mission and thus respond with a new dedication to God by supporting fully His work at this critical time.

4) God's richest blessings on Leon and Iris Maltby as they conclude their many years of service to the denomination in Plainfield. We pray that as they move to Florida they will be blessed with many happy years of retirement and continued service in the cause for which they have given so much. Our love goes with them!

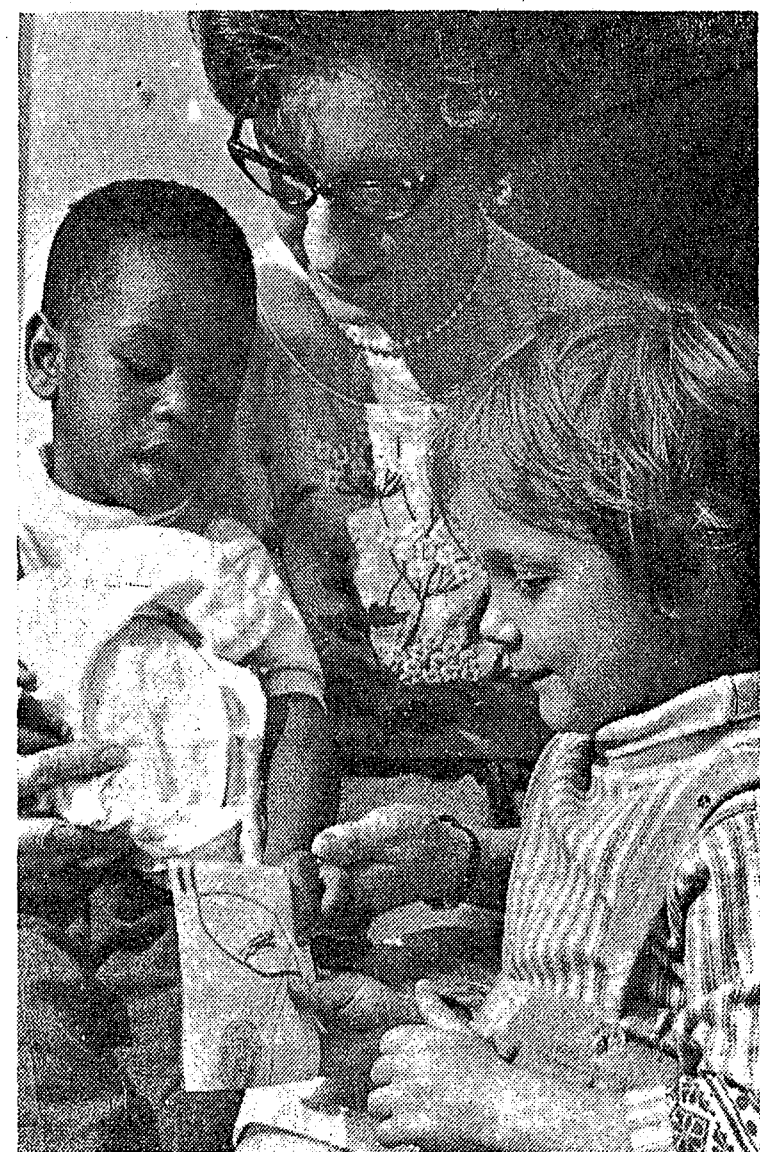
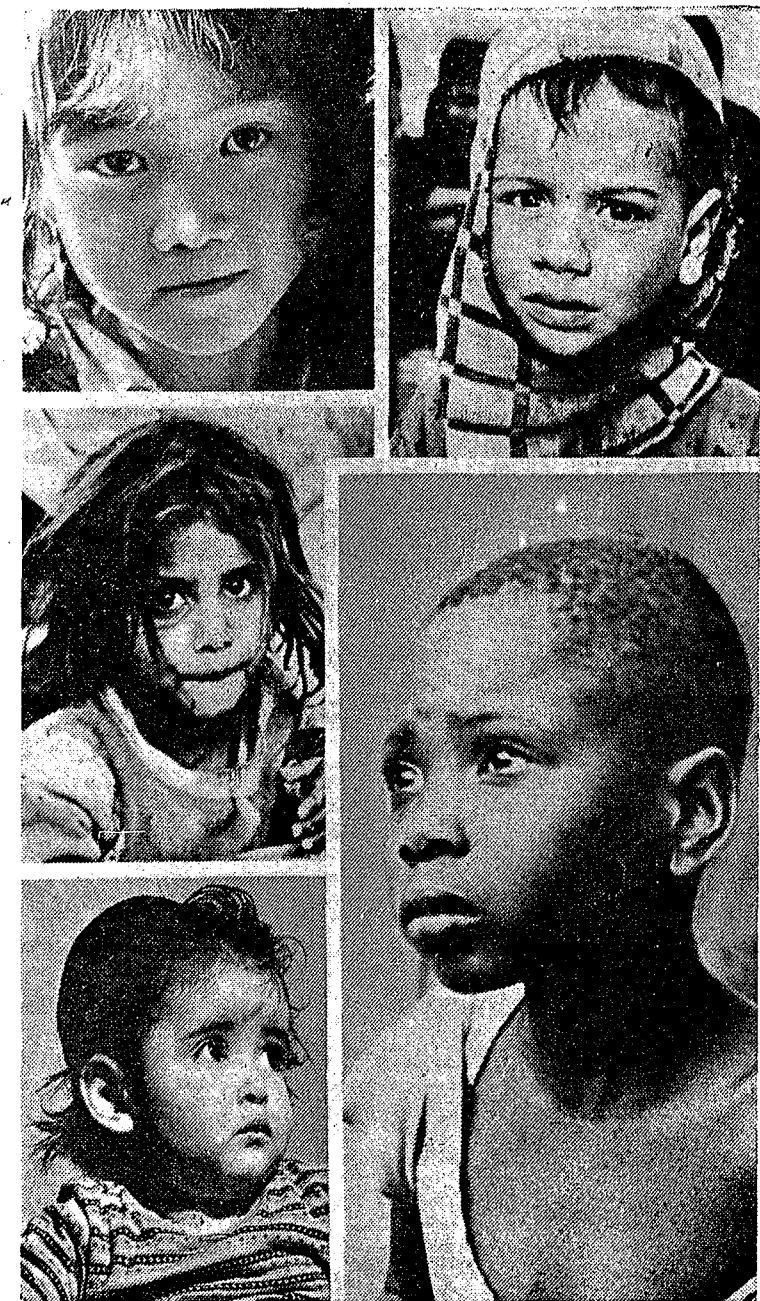
Liking People Is the Most Important of All

*Grace Magney puts
I Corinthians 13 into language
that challenges and disturbs.*

- 1 If I speak in the terms of
rights and liberation,
but don't really like people,
I am a tool for disorder
and a threat to democracy.
- 2 And though I predict
the unpleasant end of air
pollution,
and understand the dark
mysteries of the ghettos,
and the ferment on the
campuses,
And though I have all faith that
the mountains of prejudice and

- selfishness will be removed,
but don't really like people,
I amount to nothing.
- 3 If I distribute everything I own to
the "have-nots,"
and wear myself out
organizing relief,
but don't like people,
I haven't gained a thing.
- 4 Really liking people shows up
first at home
in patience, when what you've
asked for isn't done yet;
in kindness, when the other
one is clumsy or frustrated;
never secretly proud that
you're not as hopeless
or rude enough to hint it.
- 5 Really liking people shows
in how you let the other person
do it his way;
in not letting irritations get
you down or feeling resentful
when you've been told.
- 6 It shows real concern
not when your reputation
begins to fall,
but when someone else's is
threatened;
and real thankfulness
when another person is
honored.
- 7 Really liking people
is accepting everyone for what
he is,
believing the best in doubtful
situations,
hoping for God's pattern to
unfold in the other's life

- and waiting as long as God,
before you give him up.
- 8 Really liking people will never
end;
but as for gloomy predictions
they will take care of them-
selves;
as for catchy phrases and
timely terms, they'll have
their day;
as for what's in vogue in the
intellectual world, that,
too, will change.
- 9 For man's intellect is yet imperfect
as are predictions of the future.
- 10 In fact, everything we know
now—in its limitation—will be
replaced by perfect truth,
- 11 Just as my speech, my thoughts,
my reasoning of childhood
days are only memories,
now that I am grown.
- 12 For now I tend to see the issues
through colored glasses,
But the day will come when all
is clear.
Now I know only what I can
piece together from the mass
media, but someday I'll under-
stand it all just as God sees
clearly and understands com-
pletely the purpose for each
strange occurrence in my life.
- 13 So then
faith to change the world
and hope in a better tomorrow
are important
but liking people is the
most important of all.



LOCAL HISTORY REVEALS DENOMINATIONAL TRENDS

By Albert N. Rogers

In the preface of Volume III of our denominational history I urged local historians to record the details needed to understand why churches grow and sometimes die. Donna Spooner Tanney has done this in her book about Brookfield, my home town in central New York, where the social frontiers were a century and a half ago.

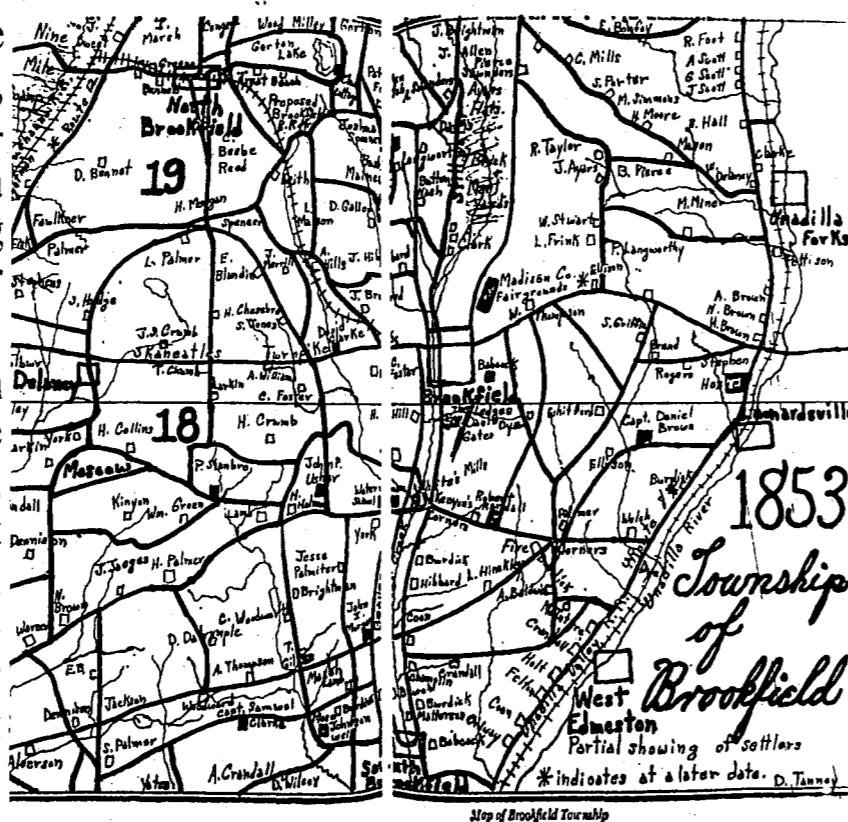
Mrs. Tanney has inherited the facade of her grandfather, Frank Spooner, who founded the weekly Brookfield Courier ninety-seven years ago. (It is still a Recorder exchange, its publisher being the son of a former manager of our Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House.)

The images of Athens and Jerusalem combined to shape the ideals of the Clarkes, Hills, Hoxies, Palmers, Yorks, and others who pushed out of Connecticut and Rhode Island in the early eighteen hundreds. And in two generations, seventy-five years, they almost realized their dreams in the Empire State — almost but for forces beyond their control which led their sons and grandsons on to Wisconsin, Colorado, and California, not to overlook those who died in 1861-65.

Incorporated as Clarkville in 1834 and surrounded by scores of family farms, the community boasted grist and lumber mills, three small manufacturing plants, churches, an academy, and an opera house. The Skaneateles Turnpike would run through it to move freight east to Albany, the same road which would lead covered wagons west. There were plans for an exposition and county fair which has become widely known, and for a railroad which never materialized beyond a few miles of hand dug right-of-way. In time there would be electric lights and movies. But, not so fast!

"Dosh" (Eudocia) Hills and her dia-

ries, letters, and reminiscences form a basis for the moving account of the rise and fall of individuals and their schemes of varying value. The Civil War, financial depression and panic, fire and bankruptcy are portrayed with the romance of trips "out west," engagements and marriage, sudden death, faithfulness and despair, an even excursions into Spiritualism. The New England virtues of hard work and honest dealings are honored even when they do not pay. "The strength of the hills" is seen in human life despite time's erosion.



Abundant references are made to the Seventh Day Baptist faith which made Eli Bailey a minister as well as a doctor, led Lucy Clarke Carpenter to serve with her husband Solomon as missionaries in China, and steadied the lives of countless others. These will be retold at the 150th anniversary of the Brookfield Church in September. Joint ownership of the 1837 house of worship erected in the village to replace two rural churches of different denominations is still an unusual testimony to brotherhood and practicality. The hand drawn maps copied from old records by Mrs. Tanney show a hundred or more farms whose family names, now largely forgotten, were well remembered in my boyhood. The involvement of

George Kasson Knapp, portrait painter of Syracuse, is appreciated since we own a family portrait done by him.

Six generations of the Spooner family parallel the life and near-death of a town not dissimilar from another of which Webster said "some there are who love her." The sixth generation is growing up in a town reborn thanks to the sacrifices of those gone before. The beginnings are told of the reforestation of large tracts of land by individuals and then by the state of New York. These have led to the present recreation industry in Brookfield which bids fair, with the improvement of highways, to reestablish the town's economy. This has been the story of other towns, and it could be that of yours.

My thanks to Donna Spooner Tanney for a good story told with breadth and understanding. And a tip of the hat to Viola Brown Whitford, another Brookfielder, who did the art jacket. (Order from The Lone Rock Homestead, Brookfield, N. Y. 13314 for \$6 plus tax and postage.)

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

FIRST HOPKINTON, R. I.— There are several new groups organized in our church this year. The Junior Choir under the direction of Ruth Thorpe is an inspiration to all in our worship services. In June the men organized for fellowship and service. Their officers are: President, David Faussett; Vice-President, Leo Frenette; Secretary-Treasurer, William Bowyer. The ladies of the church have been busy also. The Ladies' Aid annual banquet was held at Wakefield with twenty-four in attendance.

Sabbath Day, June 23, was a very special occasion when we received nine new members. Three of the new members joined by letter and six by baptism. The latter part of June our pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, and nine young people attended the Northfield conference of Christian Endeavor. Pastor Wheeler taught two classes, "Know Your Bible" and "The Ten Commandments."

—Correspondent

PAWCATUCK, R. I. — Our Vacation Bible School was a "smashing success"!

Romans 8 was our Scripture lesson for closing program. Our theme for the week was "We Meet Jesus." We were very happy that many of the families of the VBS students could be there Sabbath morning to share our joy in the Lord.

There were seventy-five children the first day, and our attendance averaged over eighty for the week! Praise God! The children enjoyed the missionary stories and chalk drawings done by Pastor Ev Harris and Barbara Barber each morning.

It was a real joy to work with these youngsters. They love and praise our Lord so openly and freely. Our conversational prayer time every morning was just thrilling! Many, many of the students joined in prayer and praise of the Lord for His goodness in giving us "the sun, flowers, rain, the Bible, baby sisters, the church, and Bible School." One ten-year old shared that she had taken the Lord Jesus into her heart "last night, while I was praying," and another young lady gave her testimony in church that she had accepted Jesus, at Lewis Camp! A follow-up program is being planned to invite all the youngsters to attend Sabbath school each week, by our beautiful SCSC team, Faith Oliver and Duska Goodson.

We were all blessed by the singing and sharing done by the Gospel Heralds, five terrific gospel singers from Jamaica!

Pastor Saunders was director of Camp Lewis. The theme was "Yield to the Spirit." The Spirit of the Lord was moving at camp, and the music was just tremendous!

We earnestly pray for more and more of the Lord's Holy Spirit to move among us, breaking down old walls, truly making us brothers, in the likeness of Christ, Amen.

—Correspondent

Quarterly Tract Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society held its quarterly meeting on July 15 at Marlboro, with Charles North presiding. There were twenty-two members present with some others in attendance at the various committee meetings.

Retiring corresponding secretary-editor, the Rev. Leon M. Maltby presented his final reports to the Board. He reported fewer letters to the Tract Board this quarter (only 86), and suggested that one reason for the lighter mail perhaps was lack of tract distribution by our church membership. Even though it has been some time since direct advertising has been used, inquiries are still coming in from the April 1972, advertising. A total of 20,255 tracts were sent out during the quarter. The largest order was for 9,500 sent to Jamaica. Another large order went to the Verona, N. Y., church for use in the State Fair booth in September. The overseas services of the Tract Society continue.

As editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*, Mr. Maltby reported on his duties of the past quarter (his eighty-first such report). At the conclusion of his report Mr. Maltby said:

"This final quarterly report is made with a deep sense of gratitude to all the Board members for their close cooperation and assistance through the years. It has been a joy to work with the committees and to represent the Board and its interests throughout this country and the world. On the Planning Committee longer than anyone else and a working member of the Missionary Board we have witnessed a growing understanding and cooperation between boards and agencies. Contributions to denominational planning by your secretary do not constitute a very great legacy, but there has been some contribution in the deliberations and in writing acceptable guidelines for certain programs. Now that the time has come to step out of all these responsibilities your secretary is inclined to think he will miss some of them, but especially the

people of our ever changing but continuing Board."

Mrs. Anna North presented the report of the Publications Committee. There was some discussion concerning the reprinting of the Study Manual for Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs. It was explained that the reprinting had been delayed at the request of the Board of Christian Education and members of Commission. Due to the fact that the supply is completely exhausted some Board members felt it should be done in a limited quantity in order to fill current requests. The matter was tabled until the October meeting. It was voted that \$200 be sent to Rev. B. John V. Rao, for aid in printing tracts for the India Conference of Seventh Day Baptists.

The Audio and Visual Services Committee reported progress on the Sound Studio in the basement of the denominational building. A dedication is planned for September 16. It was voted the studio be known as the Seventh Day Baptist Sound Studio. The committee expressed appreciation for the work of Mr. Gordon Lawton in the development of the studio. It was voted to continue Mr. Lawton's services for an additional six months. Phillip D. Van Horn was elected committee chairman to replace Iris Maltby.

The Planning and Research Committee named jointly with the Board of Christian Education reported through Mr. Rogers. A draft of a report to General Conference in the name of the two boards was read and approved, subject to approval of the other board.

The next meeting was announced for October 21; the corporate meeting and special dedication of the Sound Studio to be held on September 16, in Plainfield.

The meeting adjourned to the Shiloh Church Fellowship Hall where a committee under the able direction of Miss Florence Bowden had planned a luncheon and program in testimony to the high esteem in which the Rev. and Mrs. Leon Maltby are held.

After a delicious lunch, which was served to over 100 relatives and friends, a "special meeting" of the Tract Board was convened. The Rev. Herbert Saund-

ers of Plainfield, called the meeting to order and served ably as Master of Ceremonies in the program of tribute to Leon and Iris Maltby. The program took the form of a regular meeting with reports from the various committees — most of them humorously done. Treasurer Rex Zwiebel reported on some of the expenditures of the twenty years. He said they included such items as: \$511.48 for replacement of bicycles that have been stolen, and \$62.11 for time lost by the editor while visiting the police station to report stolen bicycles (even though a lot of fun was had about the stolen bicycles — we are sorry to report that when Mr. Maltby returned from this special meeting his bicycle had really been stolen!) Another interesting expenditure was for \$49.98 to pay for batteries for bicycle lights used for coming to work before daylight and going home after dark. On the income side of the report one item listed was \$4,002.15 refund for not using the Publishing House parking lot for twenty years.

The Rev. Albert Rogers distributed a "Maltby Special Issue" of the *Sabbath Recorder*. This was "prepared by his colleagues in appreciation of his work and comradeship through twenty years and more." Each employee of the publishing house had written his own tribute to Mr. Maltby. The inside of the four-page issue featured a large bicycle drawn by Mrs. Cindy Rudolph. Henry Poulin, long-time pressman wrote: "So-called old editors don't die — they just cycle away."

Remarks were made by members of the Maltby family along with letters of tribute from several including the White Cloud church. Mrs. Bert Sheppard presented a history of the Maltbys during their pastorate at Shiloh. Gifts of appreciation were made in behalf of the Tract Society and all those present.

Perhaps one of the most enjoyable presentations was that of Shiloh's own poet, Mr. Owen Probasco. After reading a humorous poem he turned to a more serious vein and read the following original, which seems most appro-

priate as a way of summing up the tribute to Leon Maltby.

Lean on the God of love
Expect His tender care
Obey His holy word
Never feel despair

May all of your tomorrows
And all of your todays
Lead you always nearer
To that Him of praise
Because you've shown
You're not alone
in many ways!

MEMORY TEXT

"Let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." — 1 Corinthians 10:12

Spanish Bibles Distributed in Cuba

It was a red letter day for many Christians in Cuba late in 1972 when the government granted a special permit to the United Bible Societies to send 2,500 Spanish Bibles into that country. They were quickly distributed among representatives of thirty-five to forty denominations. The United Bible Societies is a fellowship of fifty-five national Bible Societies, of which the American Bible Society is one, with work in more than 150 countries and territories.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 18, 1973

THE UNDISCIPLINED PERSON

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 23:19-21, 29-35; 1 Cor. 10:12-13

for August 25, 1973

REDEMPTIVE LOVE IN ACTION

Lesson Scripture: Mark 2:16-17; Gal. 5:25 through 6:5

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Cassette Tape Library



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Along with its book library service for ministers, the Center for Ministerial Education is developing a Cassette Tape Library. We have cassette tapes from four outlets, and they are available for any Seventh Day Baptist minister, or any lay person who may be interested in subjects that are devoted to the interest of a minister.

The tapes usually have four to six topics for presentation: book reviews, interviews with famous people, digests of subject that deal with modern practices, and other topics of viable and current interest.

Here is a sampling of topics listed on recent tapes: THESIS tapes — Volume 4, No. 6: Lecture and Discussion of "The Church in Ministry with Older Adults," by Ms. Maggie Kuhn; interview with Dr. Frerick Herzog on "Liberation Theology"; Bible study on Isaiah 55; Luke 14 called "An Invitation to the Dispossessed" by Dr. James A. Sanders.

Volume 4, No. 5: Lecture and Discussion on "Signs of the Spirit? — American Religion in a Time of Change" by Dr. Martin E. Marty; Lecture: "The Preacher Under Siege," by Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth.

Volume 3, No. 10: Lecture on "Doing Theology" by Dr. Lyman T. Lundeen; an Analysis, "Probing Adult Education," by Dr. Ted W. Ward; a book review on "Why Conservative Churches Are Grow-

ing," by the Rev. Dean M. Kelly; and a commentary, "One Israel or Two?" (Romans 11:17-18) by Dr. James D. Smart.

CATALYST Tapes — June, 1973, Article Reviews on "Jewish Evangelism," "Moral Decision-Making," "Church Renewal," "Church Tax-Exemption," "Self-Acceptance," "Counseling Young Couples," and "Handling Fear"; A Biblical Study with Jerry Vardaman, Biblical archeologist; and four interviews: "A Time To Run," with Randy Bullock; "Creative Ministries," with Melvin West; "A Reasoned Faith," with Elton Trueblood; "The Future Church," with Martin Marty.

The April, 1973 CATALYST tape contains "The Insearch Conference"; "The Resurrection," with Carl Henry, A. Leonard Griffith, and Bob Patterson; "Glossolalia"; and "A Bible Guide to Sex."

You can see by the titles, and the persons making the presentations, that the articles are very much in the "news" and are presented by interesting people who challenge our best thinking.

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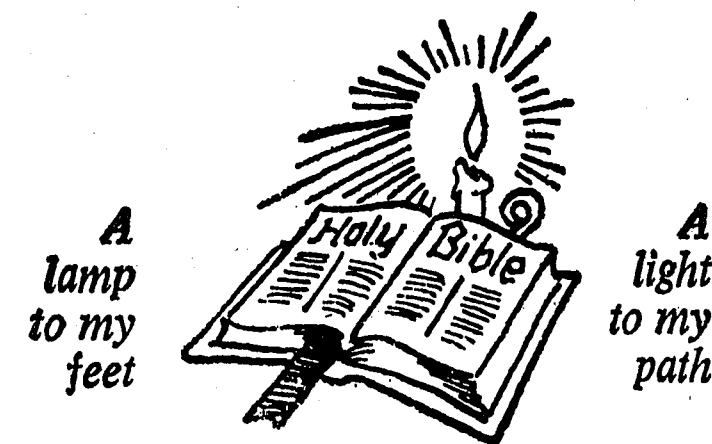
for September 1, 1973

PAUL SPEAKS TO THE CHURCH

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:10-15;
2 Cor. 12:19-21

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FOR SEPTEMBER 1973



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

Paul Speaks to the Church

1—Sabbath. United in the Same Mind. 1 Cor. 1:10-17

God's Wisdom for Man's Folly

2—Sun. The Wisdom of God. 1 Cor. 2:1-8
3—Mon. No Other Foundation. 1 Cor. 3:10-17
4—Tues. We Preach Christ Crucified. 1 Cor. 1:18-25
5—Wed. Not Lacking in Any Spiritual Gift. 1 Cor. 1:1-9
6—Thurs. Fools for Christ's Sake. 1 Cor. 4:8-13
7—Fri. The Rich Fool. Luke 12:13-21
8—Sabbath. Spiritually Discerned. 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 2:14-16

Unity at the Lord's Table

9—Sun. The Lord's Supper (Matthew). Matthew 26:17-29
10—Mon. The Lord's Supper (Mark). Mark 14:17-31
11—Tues. The Lord's Supper (Luke). Luke 22:14-27
12—Wed. The Bread of Life. John 6:48-58
13—Thurs. The Lord's Supper (Paul). 1 Cor. 11:23-32
14—Fri. The Broken Body and the Shed Blood. John 19:28-37
15—Sabbath. Known in the Break of Bread. Luke 24:28-35

Ministers of Reconciliation

16—Sun. The God of All Comfort. 2 Cor. 1:3-11
17—Mon. Letters from Christ. 2 Cor. 3:1-11
18—Tues. Treasure in Earthen Vessels. 2 Cor. 4:1-12
19—Wed. A House-Eternal in the Heavens. 2 Cor. 4:16—5:10
20—Thurs. Ambassadors for Christ. 2 Cor. 5:16-21
21—Fri. Now Is the Acceptable Time. 2 Cor. 6:1-10
22—Sabbath. The Grace of God in Macedonia. 2 Cor. 8:1-12

Good News for Sinners

23—Sun. Not Ashamed of the Gospel. Romans 1:1-6, 16-17
24—Mon. Under Obligations to the Greeks. Romans 1:8-15
25—Tues. God Shows No Partiality. Romans 2:1-11
26—Wed. God Judges Men. Romans 2:12-24
27—Thurs. Entrusted with the Oracles of God. Romans 3:1-8
28—Fri. What We Have Seen and Heard. Acts 4:13-22
29—Sabbath. Made a Minister. Ephesians 3:7-13

Law and Gospel

30—Sun. Fulfilling the Law. Matt. 5:17-26

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Births

Vaughan—A son, Darin Davis, to G. Allan and Virginia (Davis) Vaughan of Denver, Colo., on July 4, 1973.

Williams—A daughter, Timithia Rae, to Merylyn and Colene (Vogeler) Williams of North Loup, Nebraska, on July 12, 1973.

Obituaries

COX.—David Albert, son of Ezekiel and Luella Blair Cox was born June 12, 1900 at North Loup, Nebraska, and died at Grand Island Hospital, July 14, 1973.

He grew to manhood in North Loup, was married to Elsie Mae Adams, June 23, 1922, and lived and farmed in the North Loup area. Since 1917 he had been a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Mae; four daughters: Mrs. A. J. (Donna) Wetzel and Mrs. Alfred (Joyce) Earl both of Central City, Nebr.; Mrs. Ralph Kissinger of Hastings, Nebr.; and Mrs. Elwyn (Lorene) Reeves of George, Washington; two sons, Boyd Cox of Wood River, Nebr., and Erwin Cox of Grand Island, Nebr.; one sister, Mrs. Rex Larkin, Shelton, Nebr.; and one brother, Elmer Cox, North Loup. There are also 46 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs at the Byers-Soft Funeral Home at Central City. Burial was at Grand Island.

—V. W. S.

M A T U R I T Y

If you can see a work which you have begun taken from you and given to another without feeling bitterness — that is maturity.

If you can listen to someone criticize you, even unkindly, and receive instruction from it without hard feelings — that is maturity.

If you can see others chosen for a job which you yourself are better qualified to do without feeling hurt — that is maturity.

If you can see a person do an act which is against your Christian standards and react without self-righteousness — that is maturity.

If you can hear a man argue a point of view which is contrary to your own and accept his right to his own opinion without a feeling of smugness — that is maturity.

If you can see someone you know deliberately snub you, and still make allowance for his actions — that is maturity.

If you can suffer nagging pain or ache, still singing and praising God, hiding your feelings for the sake of others — that is maturity.

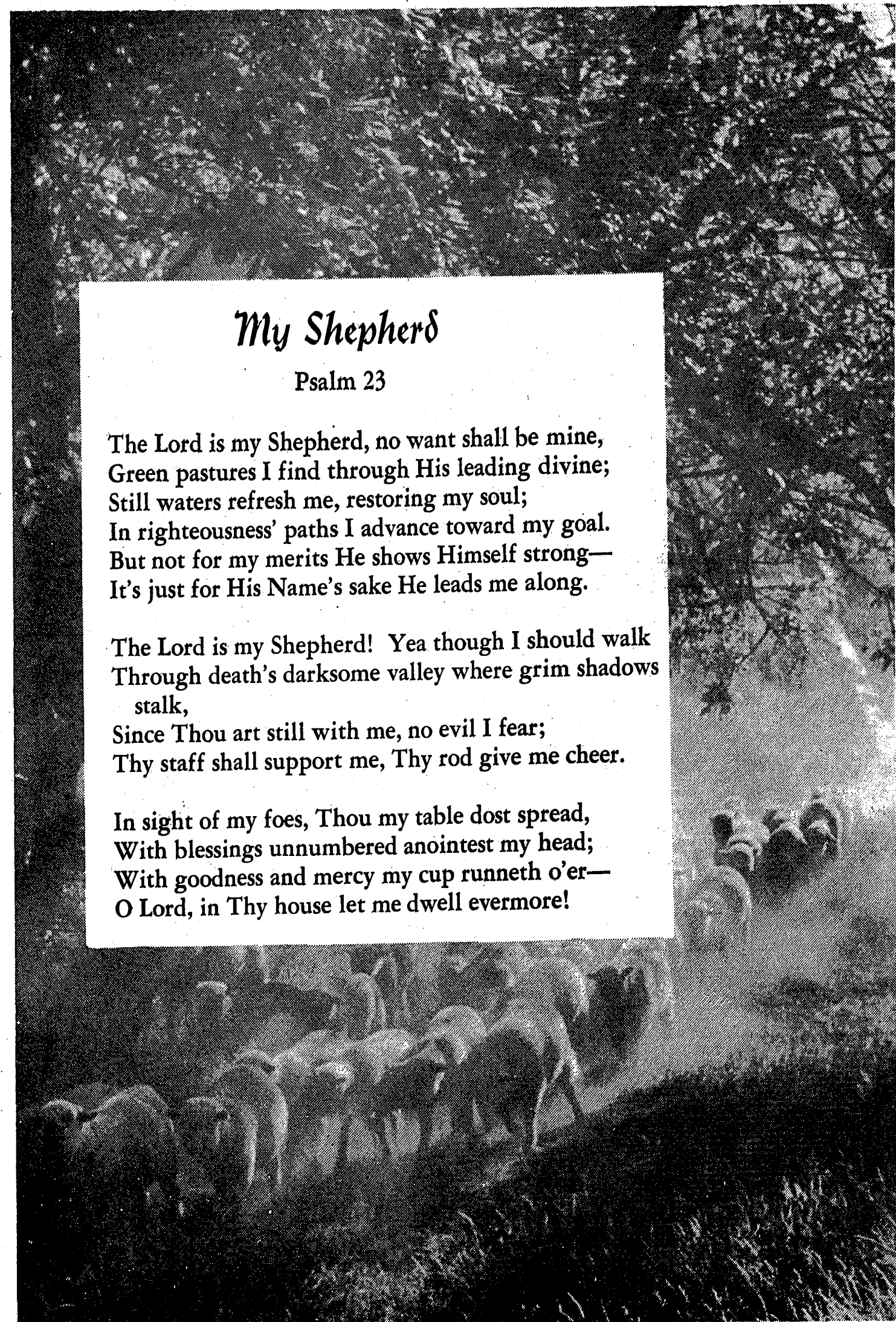
If you can give yourself to help someone else who needs you, without having the idea that you are "a pretty good fellow" — that is maturity.

If you can look upon every man as an object of God's yearning, so that you become burdened for his soul — that is maturity.

"Growing Up in All Things"

1973 Conference Theme

The fulfillment of the spirit of Christ is your spiritual destiny.



My Shepherd

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, no want shall be mine,
Green pastures I find through His leading divine;
Still waters refresh me, restoring my soul;
In righteousness' paths I advance toward my goal.
But not for my merits He shows Himself strong—
It's just for His Name's sake He leads me along.

The Lord is my Shepherd! Yea though I should walk
Through death's darksome valley where grim shadows
stalk,
Since Thou art still with me, no evil I fear;
Thy staff shall support me, Thy rod give me cheer.

In sight of my foes, Thou my table dost spread,
With blessings unnumbered anointest my head;
With goodness and mercy my cup runneth o'er—
O Lord, in Thy house let me dwell evermore!

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