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A Rewarding Conference

Conference 1973 was a very mean-
ingful and rewarding experience. Dr. Edward
Horsley and all those who had a part in
the Conference are to be commended for
the good organization and continuity of
the week.

The theme "Growing Up in All Things
into Christ" was well presented during
the Conference. Each day the theme was
worked into some phase of the growth
process.

Monday: Conception — Faith Is Born

Tuesday: Birth — New Life Is Born

Wednesday: Childhood—Education and
Recreation

Thursday: The Growing Years — Grace
and Knowledge

Friday: Maturity — Years of Wisdom

Sabbath: Finale — The Beginning or the
End?

The theme of growing into Christ took
two aspects; "Personal Growth" was a
well developed and delivered series pre-
sented by Dr. Kenneth Smith, president
of Milton College. The other aspect dealt
with "Denominational Growth." Dr. Al-
ton L. Wheeler, general secretary of Gen-
eral Conference, delivered a challenging
series on this part of the theme.

Also speaking on other aspects of
growth were the Rev. Glen E. Warner
of Denver, Colo., and Professor James
Skaggs of Milton, Wis.

On Friday evening the Rev. Leon
Lawton, executive vice-president of the
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society
challenged all by his message "Let Us
Go On." Dr. Horsley ably concluded the
week with his presentation on death; the
question he posed was "Death the Be-
ginning or the End?"

Certainly an important part of the
growth pattern of the Christian is his
prayer life. The Rev. Don Phillips of
Riverside, California, led in a study
of the devotional prayer life of the
church, with the Rev. Herbert Saunders
sharing thoughts on Sabbath Theology.

Many of these sermons and presenta-
tions we hope to print in the *Sabbath Re-
corder* so all may share in these inspira-
tional and challenging messages.

CONFERENCE WITHDRAWS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

On Tuesday of Conference the auditorium was completely filled for the 9:00
a.m. business session. The reason for the extreme interest was the vote by General
Conference on whether or not to remain in the National Council of Churches of
Christ. The voting procedure was by unit vote of the churches — each church
voting according to the wishes of the majority of its delegates. Each church has
two votes plus an additional vote for each ten members.

The report of the Committee on Ecumenical Interests read in part: "Recognizing
that most Seventh Day Baptist Boards and Agencies are corporate entities and
may continue in their affiliation with the National Council of Churches Divisions,
the Committee recommends that the following motion be acted upon the floor
of the 1973 General Conference: Be it resolved that the Seventh Day Baptist
General Conference withdraw from the National Council of Churches of Christ."

Two members of the Milton church, Dr. Kenneth E. Smith, president of Milton
College, and James Skaggs, teacher in LaFollette High School in Madison, pre-
sented both sides of the argument for the delegates at Conference.

Dr. Smith, who has represented the General Conference on the board of the
National Council, felt it was essential that the vote of Seventh Day Baptists be
registered in such an ecumenical body, since the National Council deals with the
"heart issues in which our country agonizes." He further stated that as members
of the NCC the denomination was a part of a great body of churches all over
America and expressed concern that disassociation would mean the denomination
would not be a part of any ecumenical movement.

Mr. Skaggs, in presenting his opposition to the NCC stated that he and those
who were opposed to the NCC were not opposed to ecumenism but pointed out
that most denominations in the United States do not belong to the NCC. His
strong opposition was based on the involvement of the NCC in political issues.
He stated that although many of the denominations maintain objections to the
NCC on purely theological grounds, what disturbs many is "the political orienta-
tion of the council."

Skaggs in his position paper to the delegates, listed three major disadvantages
to the constant political activism of the NCC, 1) by making so many political
statements, and falling so easily into a well-defined place on the political spec-
trum, it has destroyed all the impact it might have had in speaking out on the
few issues on which Christians could and should have spoken; 2) in a time when
Christianity needs to concentrate its energy on calling our nation to repentance
and conversion, the Council is dissipating all its energy on political matters; and
3) the political orientation is dividing and diminishing the church. Part of this
comes from the fact that people who are looking for a new meaning in life do
not find it in a religion centered on politics. According to Skaggs another part
stems from the political and psychological unreality of the NCC claim not to be
speaking for their denominations.

Following a brief and orderly discussion of the question by the delegates,
President Horsley called for the vote. The roll call vote of the churches resulted

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in a decision to withdraw General Conference membership from the Council. The vote was 335 in favor of the resolution and 250 against. The atmosphere in the auditorium was one of love and unity as the decision was announced.

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has been a part of the national ecumenical movement since 1908 when it was a charter member of the Federal Council. At the time of the reorganization into the National Council, representatives of Conference signed the charter to become members of the newly formed group.

President Horsley was asked to share his reaction to the vote with the *Sabbath Recorder*. "It was rather a close vote which indicates the strongly held convictions on both sides of this issue. But I think that our people have felt they could live with the vote whichever way it went. This vote will not affect our program and our ability to work together. God's purposes for His church come ahead of these secondary issues."

Conference Highlights



Russell Johnson



Glen Warner

Dr. Alton L. Wheeler of Plainfield, N. J., was called to another three-year term as general secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Conference voted an increase in ordained ministerial monthly payments from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per month per year of service.

Conference voted to convene the next General Conference sessions at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., August 11-17, 1974.

Conference voted the accreditation of the Rev. Russell G. Johnson of Alfred, N. Y., and the Rev. Glen E. Warner of Denver, Colorado.

Conference adopted a 1973-74 Our World Mission budget of \$183,650.00.

The Missionary Board was asked to devise a plan for financing part-time professional and/or lay people in churches or fellowships not qualified for full-time support.

The Ministerial Retirement Committee was renamed the Retirement Committee to permit inclusion of non-ordained denominational workers.

A plan for quarterly Sabbath School mission offerings was recommended. Promotional material on this is to be sent to the churches.

The Vocational Committee was asked to keep informed of the location of our men and women in the service and advise them regarding Sabbath privileges.

It was recommended that a Seventh Day Baptist devotional booklet be produced by the Life Ventures Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

It was recommended that a denominational vocational coordinator be appointed, and that each church have a vocational representative or committee.

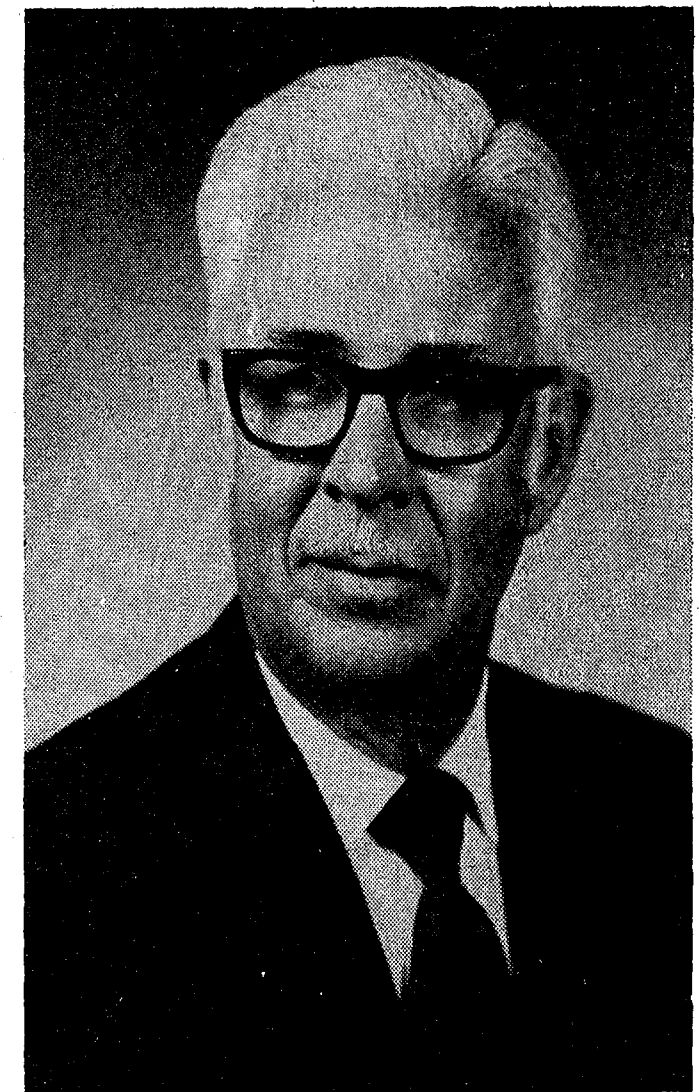
Christ Gives Meaning to Your World

Ernest F. Bond

President's Address to General Conference

August 18, 1973

Milton College, Milton, Wis.



What do you want most in all the world? Where would you go or to whom would you turn to be absolutely sure that you can be able to attain that desire?

If I could answer this question for each of you to your satisfaction, I am quite sure that your demand for my time and counsel would be more than I could possibly provide in that span of the twenty-four-hour day that God has allotted for our use. I do not even know your desires. If I can successfully, in my own world of living and daily contact with those with whom I chance to meet, determine the desires that are uppermost in my own mind and heart — then, I may be able to point the way for you, in your quest for that which means more to you than home and family, a job and security, a quality education, good neighbors and friends, recognition and respect or even life itself.

Our Conference president has during the past year, led us well with the theme,

"Growing Up in All Things into Christ," using Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus as our guide.

He has led us into seeing that many of us have not really been well grounded in our knowledge of the Scriptures. We have been lax in our desire to know more about our own beliefs; we have neglected to teach our young people and even our own children about our personal Savior, Jesus Christ. We have simply failed to *grow up*, in our faith.

During the past year, Dr. Horsley has very capably endeavored to *spur us to study*.

In the coming year, your Conference president will endeavor to *spur us to commitment*.

This evening, Pastor Ken Davis, in our vesper services has begun to build the bridge from our planned program of last year, to the area of emphasis for our churches and people in 1973 and 1974.

Your Conference president has chosen

as our theme for the coming year — **“Christ Gives Meaning to Your World.”**

The Gospel of John has been chosen to help direct our thoughts for the coming year and it is urged that considerable time be used in the pulpit, in Bible study groups and in individual study to unlock the treasures found in this New Testament Gospel.

Chapter 14 is the chapter on which our primary thoughts have been centered and I would certainly suggest that this chapter, which has been a comfort to the Church through the centuries, be given special emphasis. This too can be found to be a comfort to Seventh Day Baptists and to those that are touched by us.

I would now direct your thoughts to the sixth verse, where Thomas speaking to Jesus asked, “How can I know the way?”

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

This is the verse that prompts the selection of our Conference theme for this year: *“Christ Gives Meaning to Your World.”*

Meaning

Carlyle has said: “A man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—a waif, a nothing, a no man. Have a purpose in life, and having it, throw such strength of mind and muscle into your work as God has given you.”

As each of us begins to look at our purpose in life, we begin to seek after that which makes life meaningful to us. There are those, however, that seem to have no purpose. It is to these people that we must enthusiastically carry the message of Christ. The Christ that gives purpose and meaning to each one of us.

But you may say, “What is meaning?” Webster states that *meaning* used as an adjective is: expressive, suggestive or full of significance. When used as a noun, the meaning is: that which is intended; purpose of object. Or it may be: that which is indicated or that which is significant.

Man, through the ages, has always been a religious creature, who has continually tried to make sense out of life.

This struggle to have his life make sense is meaning.

Religion, to a greater or lesser degree, to each one of us, is explaining the meaning of life in ultimate terms. Regardless of the direction that religion may take from a historical point of view, it is always doing the same thing. It is “making sense” out of existence.

Man needs answers to the following questions: (1) How can I survive? (2) Why do bad things happen? (3) If bad things do happen to me, why shouldn't I pass them on to others? When man can answer the second question, he no longer has a religious problem. This is the beginning of religion.

Religion is successful when it explains life so that it makes sense to its members. Dean M. Kelley in his book *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing* has said: “Religious organizations are repositories of *meaning* and value that are most ultimate and intimate for its members. They are responsible for treasuring and enhancing, embodying and transmitting the ideals and qualities that earlier generations have found good.”

A religion does not become viable until it is shared. Shared by a committed group of people for at least a couple of generations.

Christianity has been shared by men like John, who walked the earth daily with Jesus during His stay here on earth and who learned from Him the lessons which gave meaning to his life. This meaning has been shared by John and the other apostles and has been passed on to millions for more than sixty generations.

Christ did give meaning to the lives of His disciples. Their commitment to Him was such that they were willing to die for their beliefs and convictions.

Seventh Day Baptists represent a viable Christian religious concept. The Christian beliefs of our forefathers provided meaning in their lives and these beliefs have remained important and meaningful for more than ten generations in the United States.

Are these concepts correct? Is this the

way that Christ would have us to go? How can we know the way?

“Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life.” By following the way that was so vividly pointed out by Jesus as He instructed His disciples, He will also lead us and give our lives meaning.

Our World

The size of our world depends greatly upon our opportunities and experiences. Our individual training and education may well influence our opportunities. How we use those opportunities will determine the experiences that we have.

The world of the early settlers, our Seventh Day Baptist forefathers, was limited to the establishment of homes and businesses; the carving of farms and villages out of a vast wilderness. This world expanded greatly for those who moved westward, establishing homes, churches, schools, academies and frontier villages which later developed into our present towns, cities and metropolitan areas.

These great people put their trust in God, the Creator and Maker of the vast land areas that they were subduing. Christ was their guide, His Holy Spirit did dwell within them, giving *meaning* to their lives. The joys and sorrows that were experienced; the building and development that resulted from their labor and planning, made sense.

The world, that we find ourselves very much a part of, is a world that continues to grow, expand, and become more complicated each day. Each of us has been touched by those who have rocketed beyond the gravity of earth and by means of television we have been able to view this very earth from cameras stationed on the moon in outer space.

Again the size of our world is dependent upon our own individual experiences and the way we use the opportunities that are presented to each of us daily.

Today our world can be narrow and our problems can seem endless and unsurmountable; our society seems chaotic; but this situation need not be so. Again Christ through His Holy Spirit, can lead

us, direct our thoughts and actions and give *meaning* to our lives as individuals, as churches, as communities, as a denomination, or as a nation. Our efforts become dynamic, our energies become unlimited, our ideas become endless; *life makes sense*.

When life has meaning for us as individuals, it is so easy for us to enthusiastically convey that meaning, that sense, to others. Christ who lived, was crucified and died for our sins and rose again from the dead, gives this meaning.

In this Conference year 1973-74, let us continue to “grow up” as we continue to search the Scriptures for truth. Let us direct our thoughts to the writings of John and join with him and the other apostles as they were led by Christ through the private ministry of the Son of God.

It was in John's writing of this Gospel that we find the Great “**I am**” declarations of Christ. In John 6:35 He said, “**I am** the bread of life.” In John 8:12 He said, “**I am** the light of the world”; In John 10:7 Christ proclaimed, “**I am** the door of the sheep”; while in John 11:25 He reassured us, “**I am** the resurrection and the life.”

Our Conference theme verse is the last of the great “I am's” recorded by John, as Christ said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Your world — have you given Christ His rightful place? Have you allowed our Savior to be the center of every phase of your daily activities?

And now as we turn our eyes upon Christ, permit Him to be your guide, your counsellor and friend until we meet again to rejoice and further seek to do His will as Seventh Day Baptists.

Christ does give meaning to your world.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 15, 1973

UNITY AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Lesson Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-26

Answering the Call

Robert W. Babcock



Nelta, Matthew, and Bob Babcock

Many theories have been expressed as to what constitutes a call to the gospel ministry and probably no two theories are exactly the same. More grievous however are the many people who have never seriously considered that God might be calling them merely because He has never spoken to them in a dream, written the message on a wall, or, by some means equally as realistic, made His will known so there could be no doubt.

Certainly a call into the ministry is not something to be taken lightly; but in the same sense should it be regarded so apprehensively that nothing short of a vocal burning bush can arouse us enough to consider that God might just be calling us? Who would deny that God's plan for his life should be the first and ultimate consideration? However, when it comes to planning a career, serving God full time is often far beyond the scope of consideration.

In a minute though we decide on another profession, not necessarily because we feel God's leading into this field is any stronger than into His service, but often for reasons as trivial as: the pay is good, it's close to home, or because it's something that comes easy to us.

Bearing this question and the alternatives in mind, after three years away from school I and my devoted family still feel God is calling us into full-time service for Him. In preparation to do so we plan to start back to school September 4, at North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Please remember us in your prayers.

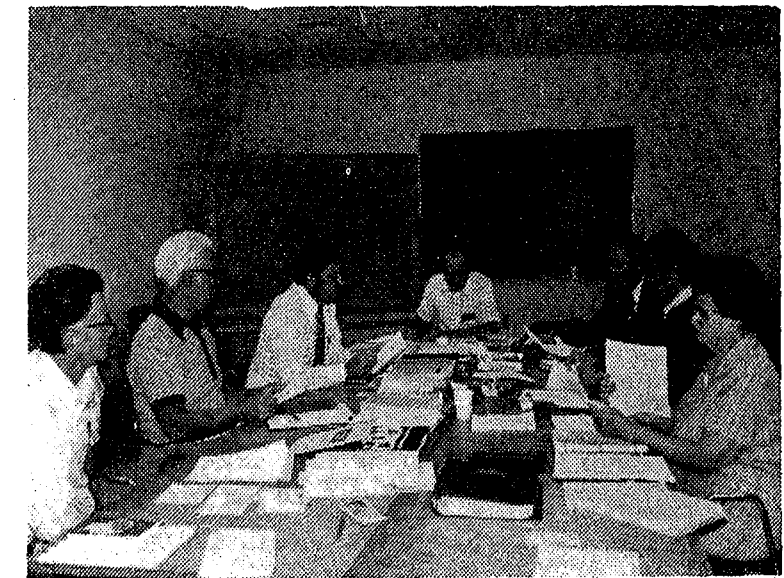
COMMISSION SUPPORTS AMBASSADORIAL VISIT

The Commission of General Conference was in prayerful deliberation during the week preceding Conference. The members were acutely aware of truly pressing needs, the very limited human resources, and the resulting responsibility involved. There was also the recognition that God can utilize, to a miraculous degree, those resources which are intelligently and zealously placed at His service.

One of the most interesting aspects of the report of Commission to Conference was in regard to the world tour of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences and missions in 1974. The Commission enthusiastically supported the plan, later adopted by Conference, for ambassadorial visits to overseas fields by the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, executive vice-president of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, and Dr. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary of General Conference. The aim of the plan is:

1. To offer a personal link of fellowship and understanding between sister groups of the SDB World Federation;
2. To give insights into work being done in areas where we have previously not had personal contact with workers or the work (other than by correspondence);
3. To become aware of opportunities and open doors for work and workers in sister groups of the SDB World Federation or possible new fields;
4. To gain perspective on world missions.
5. To encourage Seventh Day Baptists around the world joining in aggressive witnessing for Christ.

The *Sabbath Recorder* expects to receive more information on this tour. We shall attempt to give full coverage of the trip, country by country, and we know that our readers look forward to learning more about fellow Seventh Day Baptists around the world. Let us join in prayerful support of this mission "into all the world."



Commission at work

Commission of the General Conference

Term expiring 1974—

Rev. J. Paul Green, Salem, West Virginia

Dr. Edward J. Horsley, Denver, Colorado

Term expiring 1975—

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Rev. Oscar C. Burdick, El Cerrito, California

Term expiring 1976—

Burton B. Crandall, Alfred, New York

Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Battle Creek, Michigan

TRACT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the election of members and officers of the Board of Trustees and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday, Sept. 16, 1973.

New Pastor

Floyd L. Goodson of Salem, West Virginia, has accepted the call of the Fouke, Arkansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church and will begin his duties there the first of September. In addition to his pastoral work he will be teaching English in the Fouke Junior High School. Mr. Goodson has been professor of reading at Salem College for the past two years. He has just completed the requirements for the Doctor of Education degree.

Children's Page

A STORY FROM PASTOR CHUCK

Rev. Charles Graffius
Salemville German Church

The life of a missionary can be very exciting and dangerous. It seems that our missionary friend, Paul, was no exception. Like any missionary, Paul wanted everybody to know about Jesus but you see there were also some people who did not want anybody to learn about Jesus. It was some of these people who caused Paul to be arrested and so as our story begins, Paul is a prisoner — only not exactly in a jail — at least not the kind of jail we know. Paul was a prisoner on a ship! This ship did not have engines to make it go but had huge sails that reached high into the sky and the wind blowing in the sails sort of pushed it through the water. Now this was just fine except when a storm came and the wind blew too hard or sometimes the stormy wind from the storm would blow the wrong way. Well — this is exactly what was happening to the ship on which our missionary friend Paul was a prisoner. As a matter of fact, the storm was very bad and lasted for two weeks so that the sailors who worked on the ship were becoming afraid and started to throw all kinds of things, even their food, overboard so that the ship would not be too heavy. They even decided to kill the prisoners so that they would not escape and that included our missionary friend Paul. Now you would think that Paul was in real trouble and he might have been except that you never are really in trouble when you are working for God and telling people about Jesus. And Paul wasn't in trouble because an angel came and talked to him and ex-



plained to Paul that everybody on the ship would be O.K. — maybe soaking wet — perhaps a few scratches, but nobody would be killed — even if the ship should sink. Now the ship was blown by the tornado-like storm near an island where it wrecked and began to fall apart. Now remember that this ship was a large wooden sail boat and when it started to break apart, well things and pieces just went everywhere. It didn't take long for the sailors and everybody on the ship to jump overboard and head for the shore. Some could swim and some found a log or a piece of wood to hang onto until one by one they all reached the shore — everyone — just like the angel told Paul it would happen.

Well, the first thing they did was find some wood — dry wood that is — and build a fire and get warm and dry. Remember I told you that a missionary's life was exciting, especially our friend Paul's. So here we go again. Paul was helping to gather sticks for the fire when a poisonous snake that was hiding in the pile sprung out and hit Paul on the hand. When the people that lived on the island saw what happened, they just knew that our missionary friend, Paul,

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was a very bad man and that is why the snake bit him so they stood around the fire and waited for Paul to get sick and die. But Paul didn't die. He didn't even get sick. As a matter of fact Paul didn't even feel one bit bad. Well — now the people who lived on this island thought that Paul was some kind of a God because he didn't die. Of course our friend Paul told them that he wasn't God but he did tell them that he was a very good friend of God and he told them about Jesus who was God's Son. He told them that Jesus loved them and He would forgive them for the bad things they had done if they would let Jesus come into their heart and live there, and then they could be called Christians and be a friend of God and Jesus' friend too. So you see, God allows us to have problems sometimes so that we can meet new people and tell them that Jesus loves them too.

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DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

Sabbath School Loyalty Sabbath
September 1

Women's Board Meeting
Denver, Colorado
September 10

Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, R. I.
Special meetings with the Rev.
Rex Burdick of Berlin, N. Y.
September 14 - 22

Annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.
September 16

North Central Association
White Cloud, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church, October 6

Worldwide Communion Sabbath
October 6

Memorial Fund Trustees Meeting
Plainfield, N. J.
October 14

Christian Education Corporate and Quarterly Board Meeting, Alfred, N. Y.
October 14

Southeastern Association

The Southeastern Association held its 101st session with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, West Virginia, June 29 - July 1, 1973.

The meeting was called to order on Friday evening by the moderator, Miss Leola Welch. A welcome was extended to everyone by Mrs. Draxie Brissey with Mr. Leland Bond of Lost Creek responding. Letters from sister churches and others were read.

Mr. Stephen Rogers of Belpre, Ohio, led in the evening devotions. Dr. Fred Spencer of Salem brought an inspiring message on the theme "The Joy in Christianity," with beautiful slides and Scripture. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Shiloh, N. J., sang "He Touched Me."

Sabbath morning was cool, clear and beautiful, as over 250 came for the 10 a.m. worship service. Miss Martha Welch presented the children's message, effectively with flannelgraph and "spices," showing that we must have a well-balanced and sweetened attitude of life that only Jesus can give.

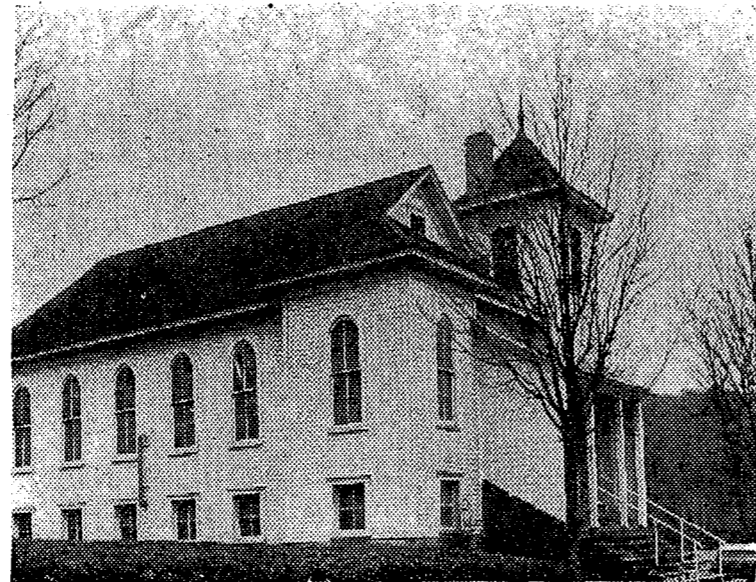


"The Joy of Christianity," was the message brought by the Rev. Charles Swing. He stressed that only by accepting Christ as our personal Savior and following God's guidance can we fully know this joy. We must live it every day and grow in grace

and the knowledge of God.

Sabbath School followed with classes for all ages. Meals were served in the Grange Hall by members and friends of the host church.

The afternoon service was a challenge to youth, but proved to be an inspiration to older people also, as the senior group from Camp Joy presented several numbers from the musical LOVE under the direction of Mrs. Paul Green of Salem.



Ritchie SDB Church

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris presented a challenge to everyone through music and thoughts on "Joy in Serving Others."

Many accepted the invitation to gather at the river to witness the baptism of four young people who had attended camp. At sundown, just before the end of the Sabbath, a large group assembled on the hillside for vespers. Later in the evening a family film was shown.

The business of the association was conducted on Sunday morning with Moderator Leola Welch presiding. Mr. Don Graffius of Salemville, Pa., was elected moderator for the coming year. He challenged us to put God first and foremost. He stressed that we should be excited about evangelism, and grow in our convictions of the Sabbath. He urged us not to be "submarine Christians" — those who surface only on the Sabbath. We should go forward with faith as we evangelize and grow.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Davis of Verona, N. Y., concluded our sessions with a closing devotion. "Jesus wants His joy to remain in us, that our joy might be full."

MEMORY TEXT

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." —1 Corinthians 11:26

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The Rev. Gordon Oliver and family as they begin their ministry with the Schenectady, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Schenectady as the church seeks to expand its witness.

2) The various fair booths manned by Seventh Day Baptists. Let us pray for an effective witness as we seek to share Christ through tracts and personal witnessing.

3) That the spirit of Conference will continue as we strive to "Grow Up in All Things into Christ."

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Accessions

FIRST HOPKINTON, R. I.

By Baptism:

David Benn
Edward Benn

Diane Peabody
Brenda Saretzki
Lori Saretzki

By Testimony:
Carol (Mrs. David) Fausset

By Letter:
Darlene McCall
Mrs. Reba Davis

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

By Testimony:
Jane Tyson

Marriages

Zabriskie - Johnson.— Sandra Elaine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Ashaway, R. I., and John P. Zabriskie, son of Mrs. Douglas Silvia, of Portsmouth, R. I., were united in marriage July 27, 1973, at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R. I., by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler. They are residing in Westerly, R. I.

Wheeler - Cooke.— Linda Carol Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cooke of Marlborough, Mass., and Leon A. Wheeler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I., were united in marriage on July 28, 1973, at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R. I., by the Rev. Edgar Wheeler. They will attend Salem College and will be living at Randolph Terrace, Salem W. Va.

Obituaries

DE LAND.— Dr. C. Le Roy, son of Harry and Florence De Land was born May 10, 1913 in Nortonville, Kans., and died August 8, 1973, in the Community Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.

Dr. De Land grew to manhood in Nortonville. In 1936, he entered Milton College graduating in 1940 with a Bachelor's degree. He was married to Arabeth Lewis on August 19, 1940. He received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1943.

He has served on the staff of five area hospitals and was past-president of the Eaton County Medical Society. He was active in civic affairs. Always a faithful member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, he sang in the choir and served on the Board of Trustees. From 1956-1958 he served on Commission of the General Conference.

He is survived by his wife, Arabeth; a son, Lewis L. of Walkerton, Ind.; two daughters: Mrs. Anthony (Laurianne) Lasrado of Port Washington Wis., and Mrs. Kim (Marylene) Tuck of Griffith A.F.B., N. Y.; three grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Harry E. De Land of Nortonville; a brother, the Rev. Earl De Land of White Cloud, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. Ira (Florine) Bond of Nortonville.

Memorial services were held by his pastor, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis at the Battle Creek

Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

IRISH.— George Carlton, son of Paul B. and L. Ida Irish, was born April 20, 1888, at Rockville, R. I., and died July 15, 1973, at the Westerly Nursing Home following a long illness.

He was married to Lyra Adell Babcock, October 23, 1909 and to this union three children were born.

Carlton was baptized by Rev. Alexander McLearn and united with the Rockville church in November of 1904. He has remained a loyal member for more than sixty-nine years. He was a carpenter by trade, an expert workman, a creator of beautiful objects in wood.

He is survived by his wife Lyra; two daughters: Mrs. Lucie Armstrong and Mrs. Julia Kenney, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren: A son, George B. died in 1942.

Graveside services were held in the Rockville Cemetery on July 18, 1973, with the Rev. Harold R. Crandall, a lifetime friend officiating. —H. R. C.

LOOFBOURROW.— Ruth A., widow of the late Rev. C. Burchard Loofbourrow, died August 7, 1973, at the age of eighty-two following a long illness.

Her maiden name was Philip and she married Mr. Loofbourrow at Lone Rock, Wis., June 30, 1915, the Rev. Lester C. Randolph officiating. Most of her life was spent at New Auburn, Wis., where she was a leader in church and community activities. She taught in the public schools and served on the school board and in the Woman's Club, and in later years operated a restaurant in the village and directed the school lunch program.

Survivors include three sons, Philip, Donald and Kent Loofbourrow; two daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Anna) Rood, and Mrs. John (Juanita) Torgerson; one stepson, Wade Loofbourrow; and three stepdaughters, Mrs. Elmer (Helen) Nelson, Mrs. Vivian Nelson and Mrs. Eli (Grace) Loofboro. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Olson, Mrs. Jeannette Smelcer and Mrs. Irene Pierstorff and by 26 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Wayne R. Rood of Berkeley, Calif., officiated at funeral services held in the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church and interment was at the New Auburn Cemetery.

ORMSBY.— Reba (Hanchett) was born September 28, 1892, and died July 15, 1973 in Hornell, N. Y. Born in Wellsville, N. Y., Reba lived in Alfred Station for some fifty-two years.

She was an elementary teacher at the East Valley School and a former employee of the Glidden Pottery Works of Alfred. She was an active member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she served in the Union Industrial Union (Ladies Aid) most actively until a few days before her death.

She is survived by her husband, Robert W.; one son, Weldon R.; one sister, Mrs. Leuman Brandes; one brother, Carl Hanchett; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church with her former pastor, the Rev. Edward Sutton, officiating. Interment was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. —E. S.

PIERCE.— Ira L. died at the age of eighty-one, on May 22, 1973, following a brief illness.

A lifelong resident of Alfred Station, N. Y., Ira was an asset to the community as a self-employed businessman and sexton of the Alfred Rural Cemetery for over forty-five years.

A member of the Alfred Station church for over fifty years, Ira served his Lord as a church school teacher, church school superintendent and a member of the choir.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; seven sons: Richard M., Wayland L., Franze R., John L., Ira Stephen, Charles E. and Ernest D.; one daughter, Mrs. Linda L. Fishback; and stepdaughter, Mrs. Stanley Schneider. Additional survivors include his brother, Dr. Harry M., one sister, Mrs. Edna Lewis, sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Sutton officiating. Interment was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. —E.S.

SCHERTZ.— Agnes Fisher, daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca Ayars Fisher was born March 26, 1884 at Marlboro, N. J., and died August 11, 1973.

She was married to Dr. George W. Post of Chicago in 1909. He died in 1944. Two children were born to this union: a son, Dr. George W. Post, IV, of Dallas, Texas; and a daughter, Barbara Post Fromm of Mequon, Wis.

She was later married to Joseph W. Schertz of Oak Park, Ill., who preceded her in death. All of her married life was spent in Illinois. In the early years of her marriage, she and Dr. Post were twice in Europe for study and research.

She was president of the Austin Women's Club of Chicago, first vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Illinois State Medical Society and a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the American Writers of Chicago. She was an active member of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church. During her retirement years she was a member of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and an associate member of the Whitewater, Wis., Congregational Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter, five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Schertz Huml of Burbank, Calif.; a stepson, Joseph Schertz of Kenosha, Wis., and eight step-children.

Her body through her prearrangement was donated to the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Memorial services were held at Fairhaven, Whitewater, Wisconsin. —B. P. F.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for July 1973

Treasurer's			Boards'			Treasurer's			Boards'		
July	7 mos.	7 mos.	July	7 mos.	7 mos.	July	7 mos.	7 mos.	July	7 mos.	7 mos.
Adams Ctr NY..\$	\$ 332.61	\$ 76.30	Milton Jct WI	211.35	692.15	10.00	Monterey CA			45.00	
Albion WI	276.25	522.80	60.00	New Auburn WI ..	53.40	585.66	60.00	New Milton WV ..	50.00	350.00	
Alfred NY	536.50	3,409.48	220.00	New Orleans LA ..		15.00		North Loup NB..	803.30	1,823.30	80.00
Alfred Sta NY ...	292.00	1,514.50	10.00	Nortonville KS ..	363.50	1,569.50	152.58	Ohio Fellowship..	40.00	320.00	
Ashaway RI	269.50	3,080.50	215.00	Paint Rock AL ..		425.00	170.00	Plainfield NJ ...	1,192.99	2,868.00	515.20
Assns & Groups ..		558.79	1,453.17	Richburg NY	269.00	1,232.03	65.00	Riverside CA	534.00	3,738.00	120.00
Battle Creek MI ..	392.10	3,467.21	510.00	Rockville RI	66.00	447.25	10.00	Rockville RI		447.25	10.00
Bay Area CA	125.00	443.00	32.80	Salem WV		1,265.00	100.00	Salemville PA ...		390.75	56.00
Berea WV	65.75	317.00	10.00	Schenectady NY ..	17.58	82.33	10.00	Seattle WA		250.00	190.00
Berlin NY		901.10	45.00	Shiloh NJ		5,273.45	125.00	Stonefort IL	60.00	240.00	20.00
Boulder CO	120.68	614.76	70.00	Syracuse NY				Texarkana AR		40.00	20.00
Brookfield NY ..	121.50	317.00	45.00	Verona NY	359.50	1,114.84	85.00	Walworth WI	210.00	900.00	
Buffalo NY	5.00	405.00		Washington DC ..		1,226.75	185.00	Washington			
Chicago IL	2,210.00	2,210.00	30.00	Washington				People's DC			
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	700.00	130.00	Waterford CT	189.50	1,616.57	130.00	Westerly RI	500.00	2,782.25	231.00
Denver CO		2,202.86	345.00	White Cloud MI ..	159.25	538.46	20.00	Totals	\$12,554.23	\$71,936.38	\$7,210.05
De Ruyter NY ..		335.00	25.00	Non-Budget		86.91		Total			
Dodge Ctr MN ..		1,687.62	50.00	To Disburse	\$12,641.14						
Farina IL		264.40	10.00								
Fouke AR	20.00	135.00	10.00								
Hammond LA											
Hebron PA	80.00	525.00	70.00								
Hopkinton RI	85.00	85.00	130.00								
Houston TX		130.00	10.00								
Independence NY ..	52.00	208.80	50.00								
Individuals		75.00	143.00								
Irvington NJ		1,550.00	25.00								
Kansas City MO ..	45.00	331.20	40.00								
Leonardsville NY		327.13	10.00								
Little Genesee NY	142.50	946.51	40.00								
Little Rock AR ..		193.22	20.00								
Los Angeles CA ..	500.00	2,675.00	215.00								
Lost Creek WV ..	800.00	1,600.00	30.00								
Marlboro NJ	341.33	2,569.15	30.00								
Metairie LA											
Milton WI	894.75	7,515.45	650.00								

JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,177.23
Historical Society	8.18
Ministerial Education	384.23
Ministerial Retirement	995.55
Missionary Society	5,337.35
Tract Society	1,554.28
Trustees of General Conference	24.53
Women's Society	189.45
World Fellowship & Service	328.43
General Conference	2,641.91
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	\$12,641.14

SUMMARY

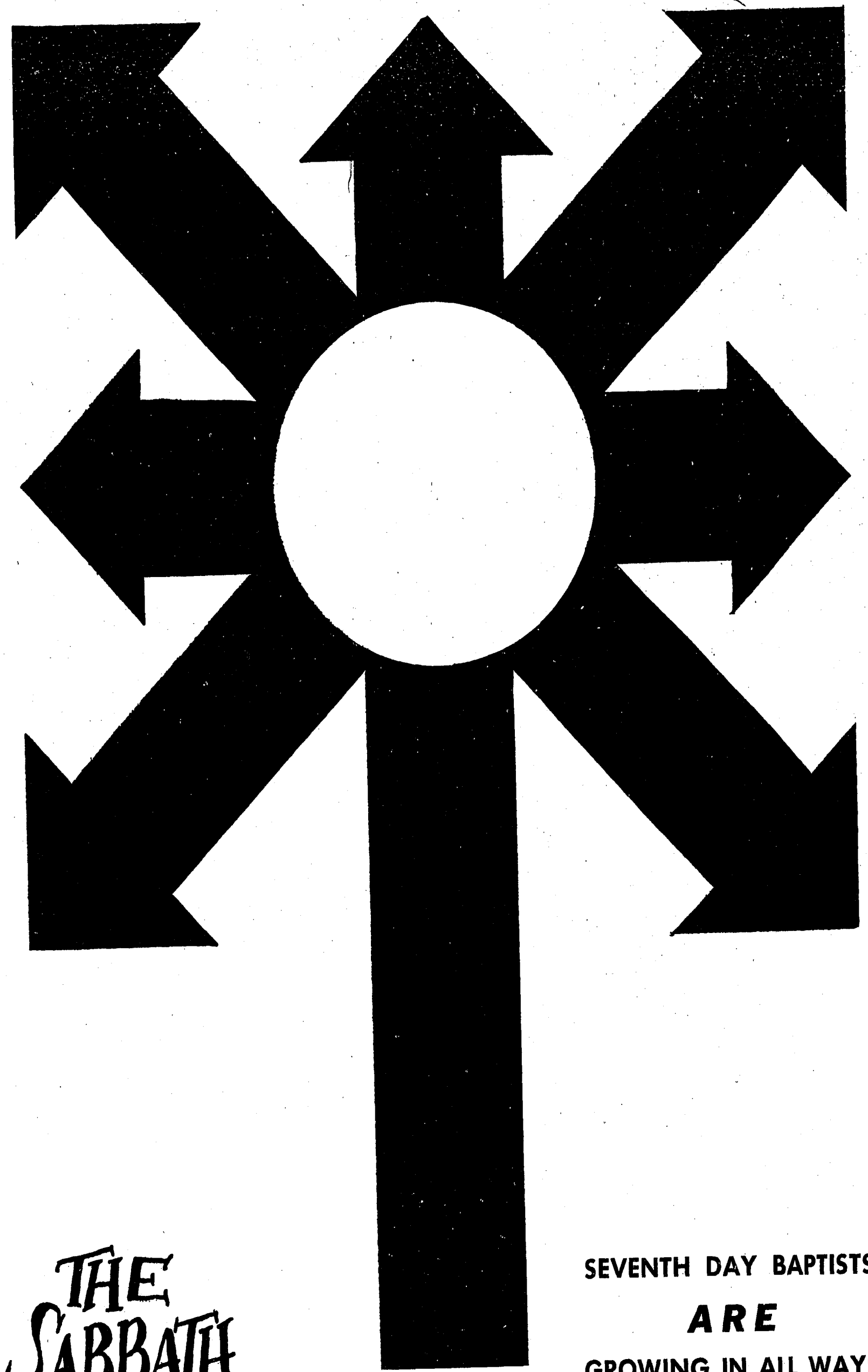
1973 Budget	\$176,690.00
Receipts for 7 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$71,936.38
Boards	7,210.05
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To be raised by December 31, 1973	\$97,543.57
Percentage of year elapsed	58.3%
Percentage of budget raised	44.79%
Seven months:	
Due	\$103,069.19
Raised	79,146.43
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Arrears	23,922.76

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer



SHILOH LADIES' QUARTET

God puts a song in the heart of every person who experiences salvation through Christ, but few people have been able to sing as beautifully for so many years as the ladies' quartet of the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pictured here are Martha Harris Hitchner, Ella Sheppard, Lora Harris, and Ruth Harris who have been singing together to the glory of God for some forty years. All are or have been directors of choirs in the Shiloh church and have done much to give that church its musical reputation in Cumberland County and in the denomination. They are pictured here as they sang at a special Tract Board program honoring the retirement of Leon M. Maltby, under whose ministry at Shiloh they first sang together.



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September 15, 1973

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