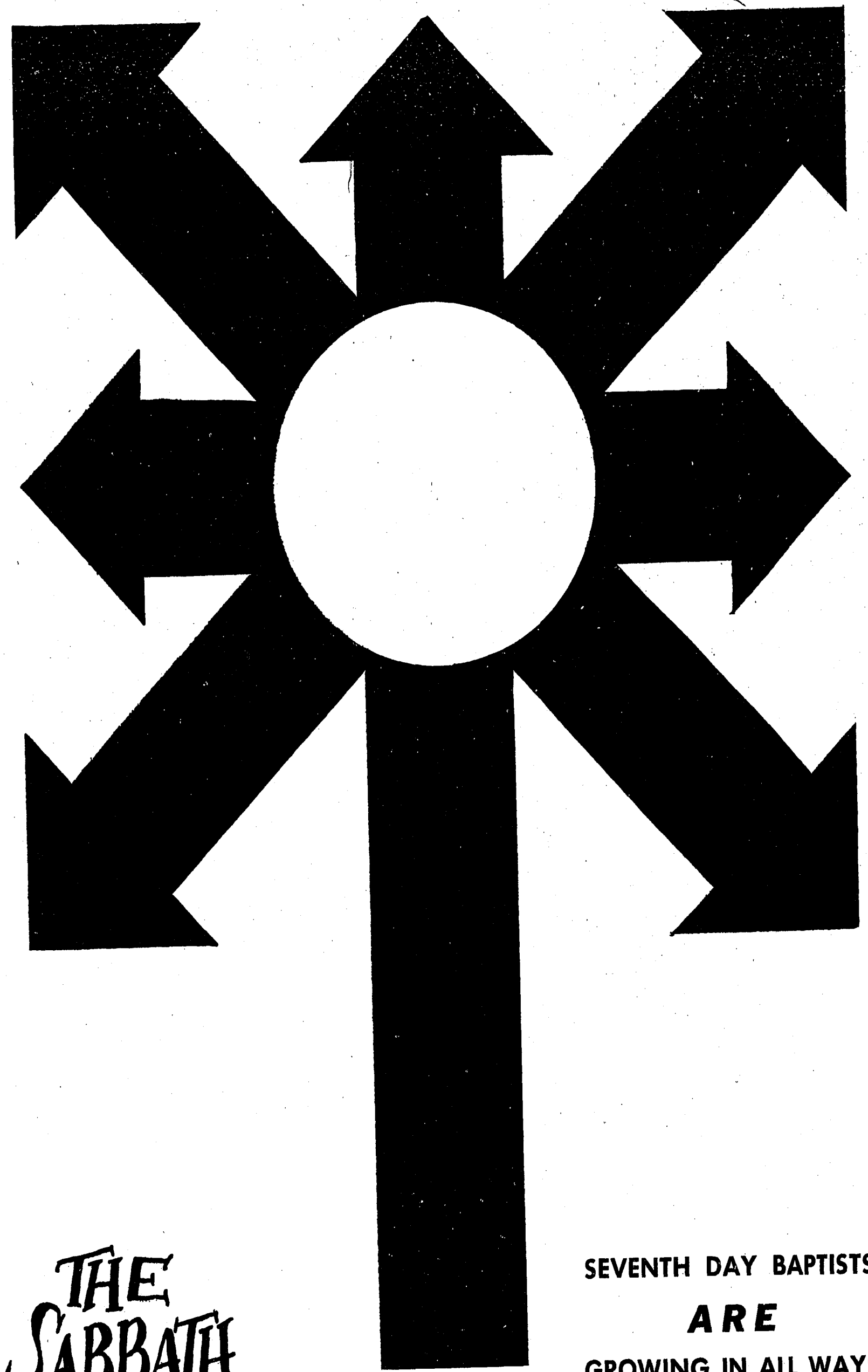




SHILOH LADIES' QUARTET

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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Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The fall planning retreats held by several Seventh Day Baptist churches.
- 2) The Lighthouse of Prayer Seventh Day Baptist Church in Algiers, Louisiana, as they rededicate their house of worship to the glory of God. May the church truly be a lighthouse — leading many into a knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Our brethren in the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Mexico; many are located in the area of recent earthquakes and flooding. Let us pray not only for their safety, but also that efforts being made to contact them will be successful.

MEMORY TEXT

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."

—2 Corinthians 5:19

Eternity's Morning

Look at your life as you will see it on Eternity's morning when life will be all behind you. What will we count then? Money? Position? Pleasure? While that will all have passed, there will be two things which we shall value: (1) To know that we have done God's will in our lives; and (2) to know that there are precious souls standing around the throne on the glad morning that God used us to help win.

—Los Angeles Bulletin

THE RECORDER'S
GREAT SILENT MAJORITY
SHOULD SPEAK OUT —
WHAT DO YOU LIKE
OR DISLIKE ABOUT
YOUR PUBLICATION?

Seeking to "see things . . .
from God's point of view" as

Those Called To Commitment and Involvement

Prologue to Presentations

Alton L. Wheeler

Colossians 1:9, 10: "We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper . . ." (Phillips Translation) — ". . . all the time learning to know God better and better" (the Living Bible).

In May of this year our Conference president asked the general secretary to make three presentations at this 1973 General Conference session to help "spearhead denominational growth."

In pondering such an undertaking, your secretary recalled that the Commission several years ago drafted and during ensuing years has adhered to the guideline of conferring with representatives of involved boards and agencies before presenting specific recommendations affecting them on the floor of General Conference. Your secretary, being in accord with exercising of diplomatic courtesy and group dynamics, has felt constrained to accept the president's assignment on the twofold basis that (1) a number of specific recommendations will be channeled through the Commission to appropriate boards and agencies at early opportunity; and (2) general observations and suggestions designed to help spearhead more productive spiritual stewardship of the gospel will be set forth in the three presentations to be made during this current Conference session.

All who are personally and vitally concerned about our continuing spiritual welfare and witness as a people are accordingly challenged first and foremost to seek to "see things, as it were, from God's point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding . . . all the time learning to know God better and better."

In proceeding to prepare for this venture of Herculean magnitude, we have taken several strategic steps to help contribute toward our becoming increasingly objective, reflective of the spiritual insights as well as opinions of others.

First, much time was devoted to Bible study and prayer seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Second, a dozen and more books, most of them published within the past three years, were read or reviewed to glean contemporary spiritual insights impressively articulated by men who seemed blessed with prophetic perspective.

Third, a seven-page questionnaire regarding the life and mission of the church was drafted and sent out to some 250 persons — approximately 50 each of youth, young adults, laymen, laywomen and clergy. Care was taken to solicit responses geographically from coast to coast and from persons who collectively would seem to represent the board gamut of theological differences in beliefs. (We praise the Lord that over fifty percent responded either through returned questionnaires, letters, telephone calls, or personal conversations.)

Fourth, cognizance was also taken of a series of "Introspect-Prospect" sessions

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conducted by a former Commission beginning in 1969 and 1970 in which dialogue was engaged with representatives of our various denominational boards and agencies. Each and all of them were confronted with four incisive questions:

(1) What is God's mission for the church as a whole in the world? . . . for Seventh Day Baptists?

(2) What are we as Seventh Day Baptists doing as participants in God's mission?

(3) What are the specific areas of concern, with degree of urgency indicated? and

(4) What approaches for action are suggested?

Excerpts from and reflections on the three presentations made at General Conference and scheduled to appear in subsequent issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* will bear the titles:

I. *Called for Commitment to Christ and His Church*

II. *Called To Be Many and Yet One* and

III. *Called To Be Sent Away*.

In all three presentations, the primary stress will be on our responding to God's call and thereby being numbered within the fellowship of "the People of God," involved in His mission of the ages expressing His redemptive love for the world, rather than merely aspiring to be members of a particular denomination with its current twentieth century organizational pattern or being numbered among those who may seem to be primarily concerned about self survival or corporate numeric growth.

Repeatedly we will be challenged to manifest the extent to which we as individuals and as a people really want to take the Lord and ourselves seriously if we claim that we want to be actively involved in God's ongoing and ever expanding Kingdom enterprise. How seriously can He take us? To what extent can He count on us when He hears us praying again and again and again, personally and corporately, as if we really want some changes made in our own lives and in the world about us when we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven . . . for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen" — so let it be— so let it happen — so let it come to pass just as soon as possible!

In making our response to Him as to the extent of our personal and corporate involvement expressed through commitment, service and witness, and bearing in mind the four significant and soul-searching questions posed by a former Commission, let us venture forth together, exploring possibilities and coming to grips with possible alternatives. In doing so let us covenant to rise above concern for ourselves and our denominational future and let us sincerely seek to "see things, as it were, from God's point of view by His giving us spiritual insight and understanding" through which ventures of life we may come to "know God better and better."

HOW TO GROW A CHURCH

How To Grow a Church, the first film ever produced exclusively on Church Growth, is scheduled for October release. Principles of church growth proven successful around the world are now, for the first time, applied to the American scene.

Featured in the film are Donald McGavran, world leader in church growth; Win Arn, church growth communicator; Dean Kelley, author of "Why Conservative Churches Are Growing"; Lloyd Ogilvie, pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church; Robert Schuller, pastor of Garden Grove Community Church.

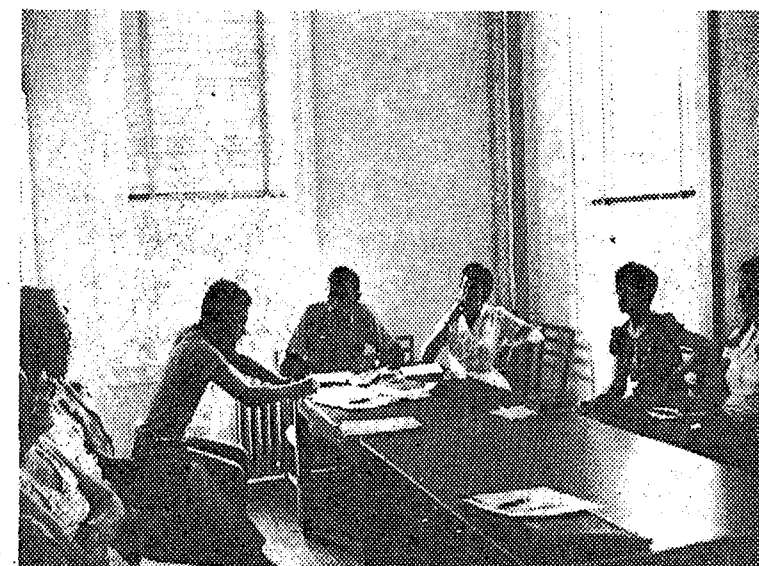
The film provides unique insights and stimulation for churches desiring growth.

To complement the film, a new Church "Growth Pac" will also be available. This pac includes the new book *How To Grow a Church*, workbook, 60-minute cassette, and colorful posters.

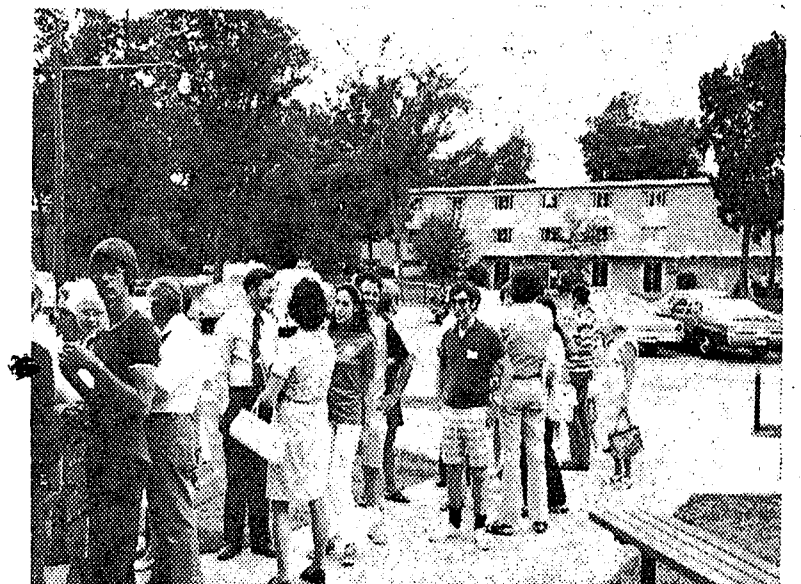
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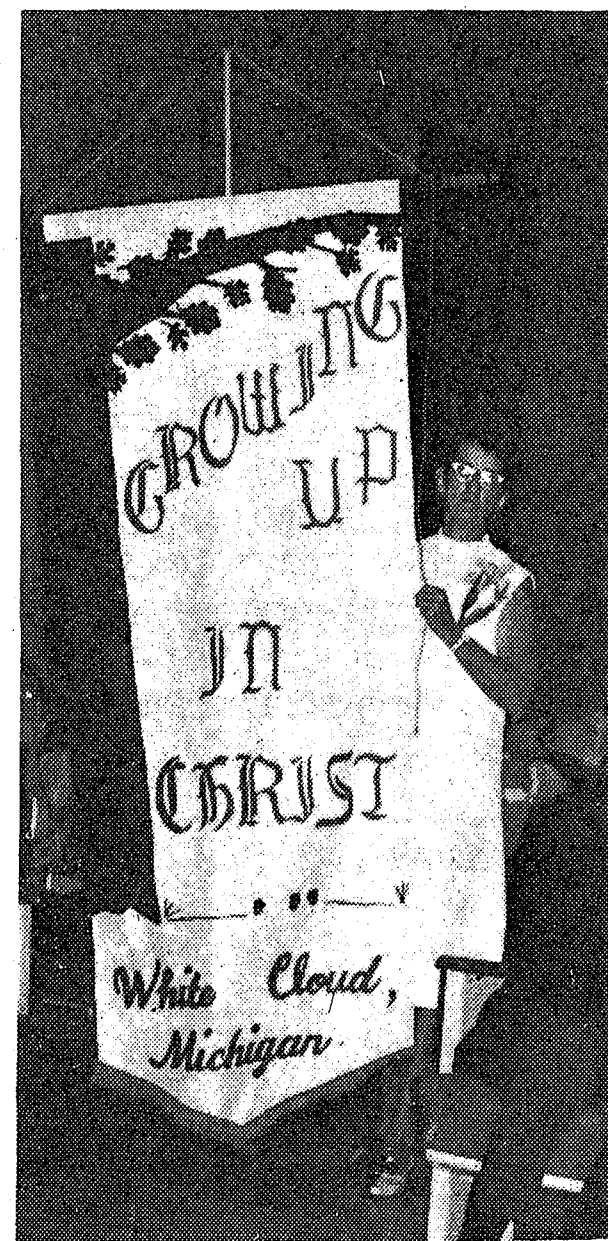
BANNERS AT CONFERENCE

The presentation of the banners by the Women's Societies was one of the most colorful parts of the Conference program. There were twenty-seven banners this year and all of them showed that much time, thought, and work were put into their making.

This is only the second year that we have had banners at Conference, an idea which came from Mrs. Madeline Fitz Randolph. She said that many churches in the Boulder, Colorado, area make banners and exchange them between churches.

Among the banners presented this year were two from the Alfred church and two from the church in Westerly. Praise the Lord for such enthusiasm.

The theme "Growing in Christ" gave way to many creative and colorful banners. After the presentation of the banners they were placed on display in the auditorium for all to appreciate. In order to share the banners with more people it was decided that they would be taken to the associational meeting this year. So if you were unable to go to Conference you can still see these colorful banners at your associational meetings sometime before next Conference. Let's hope that next year we will have a banner at Conference from each church in the country.



Mrs. Earl De Land displays a banner.

Exchange Campers — 1973

Such a variety of new experiences in Christian growth do occur in the visits of campers from one SDB Association to another that it is doubtful if anywhere near the full impact on hosts and on campers can be recorded.

Lyle Sutton, a bridge engineer with the New York State Department of Transportation, has planned the camper exchange over the last several years as part of the Youth Work Committee. On January 1, 1973, the camper exchange program moved into the Camp Program Committee of the board, but Bob Stohr, chairman (and also head of the Association Camp Trustees) asked Lyle to continue for this year's exchange.

Anything for the Youth and Young Adult Pre-Con Retreats is still the function of the Youth Program Committee, though general camping interests now will be handled by a separate committee.

Central New York Association sent to Southeastern, Allegheny to Southwestern, North Central to Central N. Y., South-eastern to Allegheny, Southwestern to North Central, Mid-Continent to Pacific Coast, and Pacific to Mid-Continent. That's the associational analysis of the '73 exchange. Warmer yet is the record that Ken Brannon of Freeville went to Camp Joy, John Burdick of Alfred went to Camp Miles, Debbie North of New Auburn to Camp Harmony, Chris Rogers of Salem to Camp Harley Sutton, Diane Seager of Little Rock to Camp Holston, Ann Bottoms of Boulder to Pacific Pines, and Richard Bond of Cypress to Camp Paul Hummel.

But to put across the story with spirit and mind, flesh and blood, joy and suffering, care and fellowship would take volumes! Or better still, tape record and photos arranged first by the camper, then by the director, then by other campers and counselors.

Thank God for the vision of leaders of a former generation who conceived the idea of camper exchange and began working it. Thank Him for the planning and kindness of directors, counselors, and campers who host exchange campers.

Thank Him for the discipline and joyfulness of exchange campers. Thank Him for the support given by association members.

Suggestions for the camper exchange program have been collected from pastors at the Ministers' Conference in Shiloh, from SCSC workers, and from camp leaders in various interviews. These are being passed on to the new Camp Program Committee, and will be considered in the exchange program for 1974. Since there is such variety of personal and associational planning in the USA SDB camping program, there are always bound to be improvements in the way we do the exchange program from year to year. The committee and the board appreciate your suggestions.

Besides the chairman, Bob Stohr, the Camp Program Committee consists of Mark Lewis and Don Pierce. Mark is a student at Alfred University Ceramic College and Don Pierce is head engineer of the Alfred-Almond Central School. These persons seek advice of local consultants as well as leaders elsewhere.

German Teen Hosted at Pre-Con '73

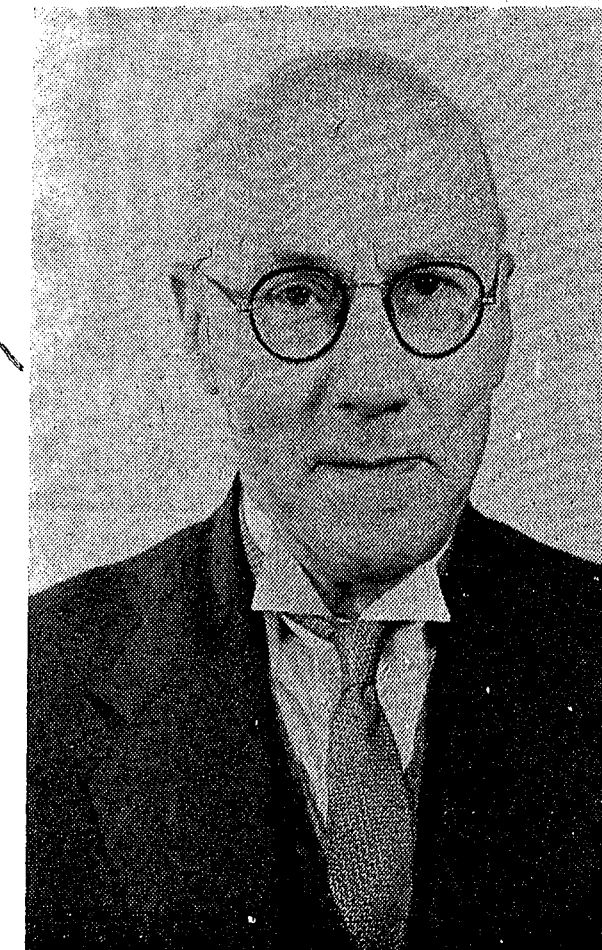
Regina Bruhn, daughter of the Lorenz Bruhn of Hamburg, Germany, was hosted for Pre-Con at Camp Augustana but was unable to attend Conference so many persons were unaware of her vivacious presence among American SDB's. Regina's school began Aug. 20 so she had to fly back even before Pre-Con ended.

We are grateful to Alton Wheeler whose suggestions to the Bruhns first enabled Regina to plan to attend Pre-Con after a student exchange visit to Ada, Ohio, in late July. The national Youth Fellowship officers appealed to American SDB youth to help pay Regina's extra expenses to come to Augustana. Pastor Ken Davis of Battle Creek gladly opened his home for her brief time between the Ada program and Pre-Con. Pastor Ken also transported her to Augustana. Her hosts for the trip to Chicago airport were the Kenneth Smiths of Milton College who had visited the Bruhns several years ago.

More about Regina's visit will be

Annual British Conference Held

Rev. James McGeachy



On Wednesday, July 25, the Rev. James McGeachy went to London for the annual conference of British Seventh Day Baptists held July 28-29, 1973. Prior to this he was a guest speaker at the Maranatha Conference of Bible students. His message was entitled: "What Jesus Taught About His Second Advent." This conference lasted for about a week which enabled him to spend some time in Tottenham, where he had lived for some forty years prior to his retirement from the pastorate of the Mill Yard church in 1969.

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held at the Methodist church on Mayall Road, Herne Hill. The Sabbath School opened with Bro. Dewar as superintendent with a hymn and a prayer by Pastor Peat. The adult lesson on "Living the Truth" was taught by Pastor Peat. Sisters Gelleff and King read parts of the lesson from the *Helping Hand*. A very interesting discussion completed the lesson study.

published soon, but the immediate story is that Regina both gave and received rich blessings, and we thank her and God.

About thirty children came in from their class, and were questioned on their lesson by Sister Josset Lynch. It was on Elijah and how he raised the widow's son from the dead.

Outside the hall was a very colorful banner reading, "Welcome to our Seventh Day Baptist Conference," the work of young Brother Slack.

The morning service was led by Pastor Peat with prayer by Pastor Parr. Following the offering Brother C. Brown of Birmingham and Brother Cover of Derby were given the right hand of fellowship by Pastors McGeachy and Peat and welcomed to our membership after their testimony of faith.

The sermon by Pastor McGeachy was entitled: Perfection, dealing with the Conference theme, "Be Ye Perfect Even as Your Father in Heaven Is Perfect." In March he had dealt with the subject from the Old Testament, but now pursued it from the four Gospels, showing Jesus' teachings on perfection. To be perfect as our Father in heaven means to show the same kindness to our friends and enemies as God does to His (Luke 6:35, 36).

It is possible for the disciple or learner to become perfect as his master even as

an apprentice can in time equal the journeyman who has taught him his trade (Luke 6:40). To the rich young ruler Jesus pointed out the way for him to attain perfection, but he sadly turned away from the challenge, and the sacrifice required to attain it. Like the seed that fell among thorns the seed brought no seed to perfection or maturity in his case, being choked by the riches and pleasures of this life.

In John 17:23 Jesus prayed that His disciples might be perfected into one, or made perfectly one. Such perfect union is far from being realized in the Christian world today in spite of the efforts of the ecumenical movement, but it is an ideal to which we may strive in cultivating more friendly attitudes between sects and denominations, but unlikely to be realized before the return of Jesus.

John, the apostle of love, wrote of the perfection of love, manifested through allowing the word of Christ to dwell in our hearts, and in keeping His commandments (1 John 2:5; 4:16-18). Perfect love for Christ and each other will cause the day of judgment to lose its terrors. In 1 Peter 5:10 we read that the grace of God through suffering can make us perfect.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Since Jesus Came into My Heart." About ninety were present.

Lunch was followed by the Young People's meeting opened by Brother Willard Smith and Brother Marshall. Over the platform was a streamer "Welcome to Our Conference," and the text of the theme. On the platform was a picture of a soldier clad in the Christian armor.

During part of this service the Executive Committee met across the road to discuss arrangements for the meetings on the following day. We were sorry to learn that the Rev. Alton Wheeler would not be able to visit us in September. We pray that he will make a good recovery from his illness. The theme for 1973-74 will be, "The Day of the Lord Is at Hand."

After tea a sacred concert was held in the evening. It began with the singing of "To God Be the Glory" and the



CRIER staff at work during Conference: Linda Smith of Milton served as editor.

reading of Psalm 121. Bro. Owen Lynch was in the chair, and announced the various items with appropriate remarks.

The Ladies' Choir, dressed in black skirts with white blouses, sang several numbers during the program. Several recitations were given by the children and youth from Holloway and Herne Hill. There was a group song by the Women's Society and a recitation by Sister J. Lynch.

Special numbers by the Mill Yard Choir added to the program. Following the concert the newly elected officers of the British Conference gathered on the platform, and the president offered a prayer for them and the work they would have to do.

An evangelistic service followed. The speaker was Pastor Albourne Peat; his subject was "The Two Resurrections" based on Rev. 20. He emphasized the importance of accepting Christ as our personal Savior to make sure of a place in the first resurrection to eternal life, otherwise we would rise to judgment and condemnation in the second resurrection at the end of the millennium.

Planning Committee "Plans Ahead"

The denominational Planning Committee met four times during the past year. Their report to General Conference revealed many hours of work. Much progress is being made by this committee as they ever seek to be led by the Holy Spirit.

During the early 70's an accumulative packet of innovative program and project suggestions is being commended to the churches. As reports of successful and productive programs and projects are observed in the churches it is planned that frequent "Seeds and Sprouts" publicity sheets will be distributed encouraging adaptation in other local and regional areas. These packets known as the "Era of Action" are available from the General Conference office.

Renewal in Faith

A second series of "Renewal in Faith" lessons has recently been published. A staff of writers named by the Missionary Board has produced five lessons each on primary, junior, and senior departmental age levels stressing evangelism. These series are recommended for use in Sabbath Schools, Bible schools, and camps. Writers included Mrs. Francis Saunders, Pastor and Mrs. Dale Rood and the Rev. Leon Lawton. Miss Florence Bowden, as editor-in-chief is assisted by Mrs. Janet Thorngate, and the chairman of the Planning Committee serves as coordinating editor.

"Outreach - U.S.A." Filmstrips Circulated

Unique and productive ministries relating "happenings" in local churches are being publicized throughout the nation through use of filmstrips and cassette tape recordings. Recent emphasis was made on camping and filmstrips in the making pertaining to Dedicated Service situations and Christian Social Action involvements. These filmstrips are available from the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House in Plainfield, N. J.

Churchmanship Studies To Be Outlined

Denominational and church leaders have concurred that there is need for compiling of resource materials designed to encourage series of workshops or discussion groups in local churches dealing with churchmanship. Such a series would pertain to the identity, role, and mission of the church including interrelatedness of clergy and laity as disciples of Jesus Christ and stewards of the Lord. The dean of the Center for Ministerial Education and the general secretary have been asked to draft a general plan for such a series.

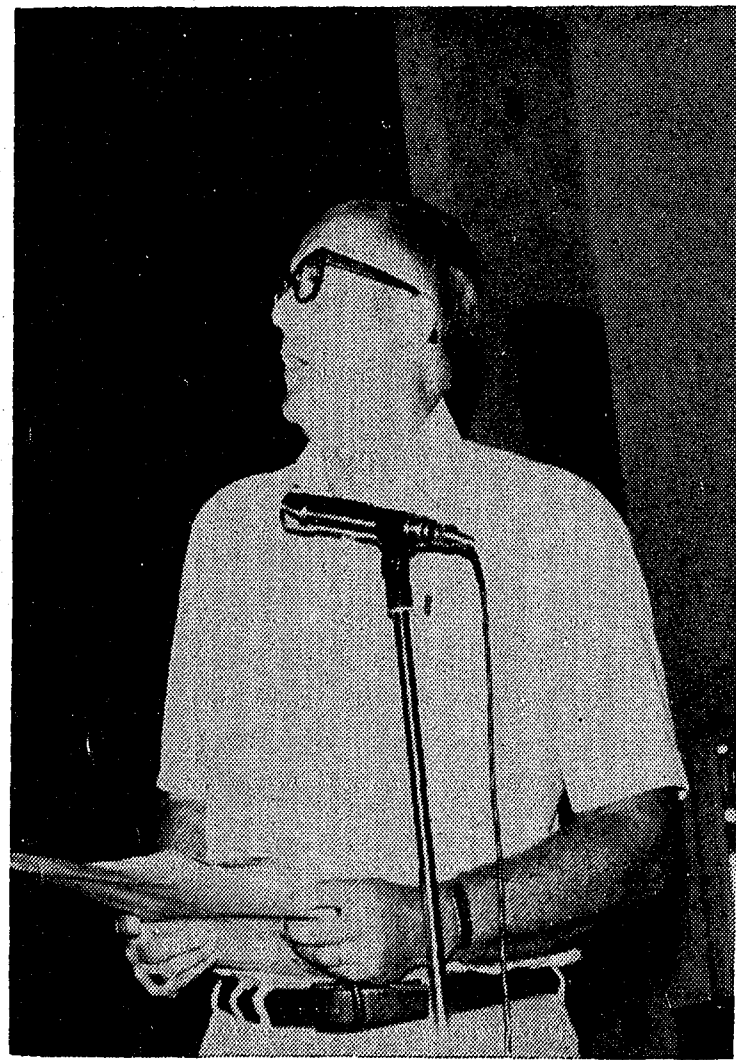
Every-Church Visits Undertaken

Realizing the importance of helping to advance the Kingdom work through making personal contacts in the churches, our Commissioners, board and agency representatives and several other church leaders have endeavored to make increasing numbers of visits to churches and associations. The churches and associations are urged to note reports of travel plans released periodically and to invite visits for designated purposes.

New Inquiries Committee Is Active

A New Inquiries Committee (NIC), appointed by the Planning Committee has functioned with increasing effectiveness since 1967, and guidelines are now being revised to coordinate further its services rendered with those of the New Fields Committee named by the Missionary Board.

In general, the NIC receives and responds to inquiries from individuals and groups around the world who inquire about and indicate that they want to be Seventh Day Baptists or want to learn more about them, their beliefs, and mission. Requests for literature are referred to the American Sabbath Tract Society. Members of the NIC include: Alton L.



Gordon Sanford, treasurer of "Our World Mission" reporting to Conference.

BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION MOVES FORWARD

The Bible Sabbath Association, which Seventh Day Baptists were instrumental in organizing and to which many Seventh Day Baptists now belong, recently announced plans for expansion and growth.

As the result of the annual business meeting held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the association listed short-range as well as long-range plans which, if implemented, should result in a very progressive program. It is the desire of many to see greater cooperation among all Sabbath-keepers regardless of denominational ties.

In an effort to seek greater cooperation the Bible Sabbath Association voted to establish the position of a full-time executive to work for the association in supervising its affairs, promoting its programs at denominational camp meetings, conferences, and conventions and to serve as the point of contact for those wishing to find out about the Bible Sabbath Association. Since the current president, Pastor Terri D. Littrell, has been serving somewhat in this capacity, he was appointed by the board to serve in a full-time basis with a salary comparable to what he would make in his present teaching profession.

Long-range plans were made to hire a full-time editor of the *Sabbath Sentinel* in June 1974. This position will be offered to Eugene Lincoln of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who has been serving in this capacity on a gratis basis since 1960. The directors felt that Mr. Lincoln has done well over the years operating as editor as a sideline. However, they know that his own employment has been so demanding that he has really sacrificed to continue editing the paper on his own time. Editor Lincoln is to be commended for his steadfastness and we at the *Sabbath Recorder* wish him well in this new venture. From time to time we have printed Mr. Lincoln's articles and hope to continue to do so in the future.

The directors named Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman of West Virginia to fill the



Rededication services for the Algiers, Louisiana, Seventh Day Baptist Church will be held September 29-30, 1973. The church was extremely damaged by fire last year, but thanks to the perseverance of the members and gifts from interested friends, it has now been completely redecorated. Pictured with the Rev. Mary Johnson (center) are some of the members and friends of the church. The gentleman at the rear left is Milton Thompson, a Baptist minister who has just united with the church.

Wheeler, chairman; Herbert E. Saunders, secretary; and John Bevis.

"The Greening of the Church" Is in Evidence!

An increasing number of laity and pastors are joining denominational leaders in observing many evidences of throngs of persons responding to the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit in these times. Dr. Findley B. Edge in his book, *The Greening of the Church*, says, . . .

"I have hope for the church because it is already being renewed. A few years ago we could count on the fingers of one hand the churches in which something dynamic and exciting was occurring. Now there are literally thousands of churches where something is happening. They are of all denominations and types — large, small, inner city, suburban, rural, county seat. Granted, in most instances they are taking only the first, faltering steps, but they give promise of that which is to come."

position of radio director. Pastor Freeman, who is considered a professional radio speaker, has over thirty years experience in religious broadcasting. The association is indeed fortunate to have a man of his experience and knowledge in charge of its radio ministry.

Among those serving on the board of directors of the Bible Sabbath Association is Rev. Duane Davis, pastor of the Seattle Seventh Day Baptist Church. The editor emeritus of the *Sabbath Sentinel* is Mrs. Ruby C. Babcock, a member of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. Let us join in prayerful support of the Bible Sabbath Association as it endeavors to move forward in Sabbath promotion and greater unity among those who worship on God's Holy Day.

—by the editor

I Looked

I looked upon a farm one day,
That once I used to own;
The barn had fallen to the ground,
The fields were overgrown.

The house in which my children grew,
Where we had lived for years—
I turned to see it broken down,
And brushed aside the tears.

I looked upon my soul one day,
To find it too had grown
With thorns and nettles everywhere,
The seeds neglect had sown.

The years had passed while I had cared
For things of lesser worth:
Things more worthwhile I had let go
And put my lesser ones FIRST!

—Unknown

**Dr. Dallas B. Bailey, Jr.
Named Acting President of
Salem College, West Virginia**

Dr. Dallas B. Bailey, Jr., has been appointed Acting President of Salem College, West Virginia, by the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees of the college. Chairman of the Board, Rodney L. Curtis, made the announcement at a special meeting of the college faculty and staff on Friday evening, August 24.

Dr. Bailey assumed the full responsibilities of the chief executive officer of the college, effective immediately. Dr. K. Duane Hurley, President at Salem since 1951, was named President Emeritus, to work on special assignments.

"We are now at the closing of one glorious era in the history of Salem College, and at the beginning of another," Curtis told the assembled members of the college community. Dr. Bailey was greeted by a standing ovation of applause as he was presented to the group.

In greeting the faculty and staff, as their new chief executive, he said, "I am highly honored by the confidence expressed in me this day by the Board. I shall try to be worthy of their charge."

He went on, "In order to do that I will need the support and willing cooperation of each of you. I am grateful for the expressions of confidence and trust which many of you have extended. I will need the best from each of you and I pledge to you no less."

A native of Salem, Dr. Bailey graduated from Salem High School. He received his BA in Human Relations and Sociology, Cum Laude, from Salem College. His graduate work was done at Kent State University, where he earned his Masters degree, with honors, and his Ph. D. in Higher Education, Counseling and Foundations.

Since 1972, Dr. Bailey has served as Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Human Relations, Sociology, and Social Work at Salem College. Prior to that he had been Assistant Professor of Education and an administrator at Illinois State University, as Assistant Dean of Men, Director of Resi-

dent Halls and, from 1968 to 1972, Dean of Resident Hall Programs.

Since returning to central West Virginia, he has become active in community affairs as a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA Camp Horseshoe, the Board of Directors of the Harrison County YMCA, the Rotary Club of Clarksburg and the Madrigal Singers of Clarksburg. He is also an active member of the United Methodist of Bridgeport.

He has memberships in numerous national organizations, including the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the National Council on Measurement in Education, and the American Association of University Professors.

He is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the Salem College Alumni Association, the Kent State University Foundation, the American Humanics Foundation and is a member of the Board of the Wesley Foundation of Illinois State University.

Honorary and social fraternal memberships which he holds are Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Kappa Delta, Alpha Phi Omega and Sigma Chi.

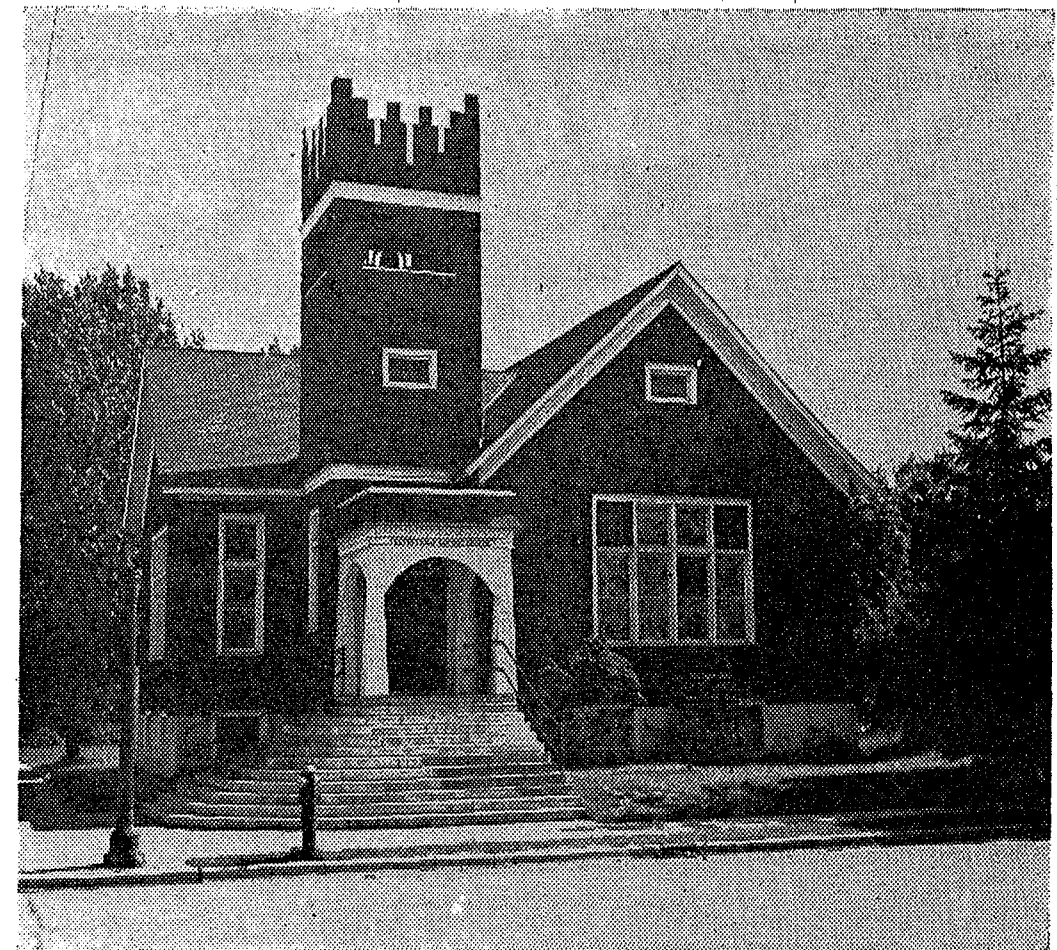
Dr. Bailey is listed in several publications of outstanding Americans, including "Outstanding Young Men of America."

He is married to the former Annette Bond, also a Salem College graduate, and they are the parents of two children, Kenneth Bruce and Jeffrey Kent. Dr. Bailey is the son of Mrs. Pearl Bailey, of Salem.

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.

**NEWS
FROM
THE
CHURCHES**



White Cloud, Mich., Church

WHITE CLOUD, MICHIGAN.— "It's Bubbling — It's Bubbling" — that is the spirit in White Cloud, Michigan. This spring work began to "bubble." The parsonage was in the process of new aluminum siding being installed and a new breakfast nook was added. Then a new furnace system and a new lighting system was needed at the church. This was a major job that consisted of a "lot of ripping up," so it was voted to carpet the sanctuary. Then new pews were added with seat pads which blend with the carpet. The old Sabbath School room adjoining the sanctuary has now been furnished with pews. The Ladies' Aid had voted to convert the room into a lounge to be used by the youth, the Men's Fellowship, and the Ladies' Aid. This is now carpeted and is complete with new furniture.

The downstairs classrooms, dining room, and kitchen have a complete "face lifting" including new dropped ceilings, paint and panelling. Needless to say, this work has brought a revived and close-knit relationship between the very active Men's Fellowship and the Ladies' Aid. The men meet once a month for a fellowship breakfast and the ladies meet twice a month. Among the projects that the ladies have undertaken are the mak-

ing of cancer pads and knitting mittens for children.

Our church is very active in the community. We took a very active part in the White Cloud Centennial which was held July 8-14, 1973.

Our young people have been scattered this summer. Some have been working out of town but have taken time for camps, Pre-Con and Conference, where they entered into the spirit of the prayer groups and the musical *Love*.

Plans for the future include an open house and dedication service for our newly decorated house of God, and the entertaining of the North Central Association on Oct. 5-7, at which time our new Conference president, Ernest Bond, will speak.

Our pastor, through the aid of the missionary board is now giving full time to the ministry for which we are very grateful. We would ask for all to continue to pray that the spirit will keep moving in White Cloud. —Correspondent

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 22, 1973

MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION

Lesson Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—On August 4, the last Sabbath that our SCSC workers were with us, they conducted the worship service, singing five songs together with guitar and piano accompaniment. They took their meditation topics from the song "Day by Day": "To See Thee More Clearly" by Mary Lynn Pederson; "To Love Thee More Dearly" by Cindy Grafius; "To Follow Thee More Nearly" by Patricia Thorngate.

After a fellowship lunch they reported on their recent activities, including assistance at Jersey Oaks Junior and Senior Camps, and were given necklaces in appreciation of their varied services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bevis and daughter Laura Leigh were formally welcomed and presented with an album of color photos of families in the congregation, taken by Phillip Van Horn.

Last of all, the Rev. and Mrs. Leon Maltby were given a loving and appreciative farewell — a complete surprise to them. The children sang, Pastor Herbert Saunders rendered an original, humorous song about the Maltbys, and Miss Janet Whitford read an original, amusing poem about them. They were presented with a photo album of the congregation, a projection screen, and a beautiful chafing dish.

Our Bible School and Day Camp, July 2-6, was a great success, with Pastor Saunders directing and thirteen other teachers and helpers, including the SCSC. Twenty-seven children were present, most of whom demonstrated their work on Friday evening, July 6.

Mrs. Barbara Saunders attended a Presbyterian Music Conference at Montreat, N. C., July 18-27. She was sponsored by our church and the North Branch Reformed Church, where she is also music director. The Rev. Robert Henniges, North Branch pastor, preached and conducted our service on July 21, while our pastor was serving as councilor at Jersey Oaks Senior Camp.

During work bees July 22 and 29, members of the church did various cleaning and repairing jobs on the inside and outside of the church building.

—Mrs. E. J. Parker

PAWCATUCK, R. I.—At the quarterly church business meeting held Sunday night, July 15, the license to preach the gospel which was granted to Elaine Kuehn Stonestrom a year ago was extended for another year. Such a license was also given to Steve Saunders for one year. We understand that Elaine is busy in the work of the Bay Area church, and Steve is holding services at the Second Hopkinton church during the summer. We are happy to give this kind of recognition to those having the talents for the ministry of the Word.

May the stirring of the Wind of God in our midst continue to quicken for the glory of God and the promotion of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

—Westerly Wind

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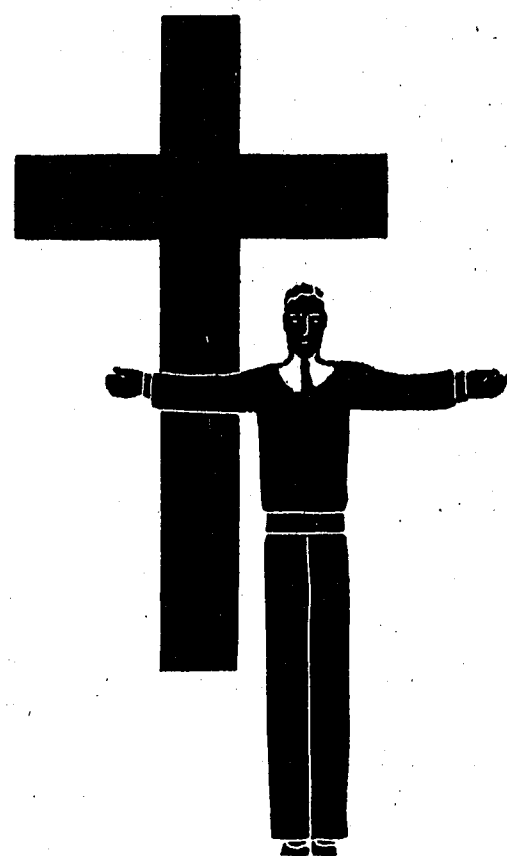
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God, Are You Real?

You, out there—
Whoever You are,
Wherever You are—

You, within me,
Within the depths of my being,
Within my deepest self.

Speak!
I am listening.
Speak — that I may perceive You.
Speak — that I might know myself.
These longings.
These struggles.

My mind gropes for reality—
The reality of all Your creation,
The reality that is love,
The reality that grants meaning to life.

I wait in silence,
In quietness and confidence
My mind expands—
It searches deep within my self;
Within me—
"Created in the image of God,"
A part of the very God Himself.

My mind goes on—
It reaches — up and up —
And out beyond.

My God!
You are real!

—Esther Houdeshell

September 22, 1973

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