

The Sabbath Recorder
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Second class postage paid at Plainfield, N. J. 07061

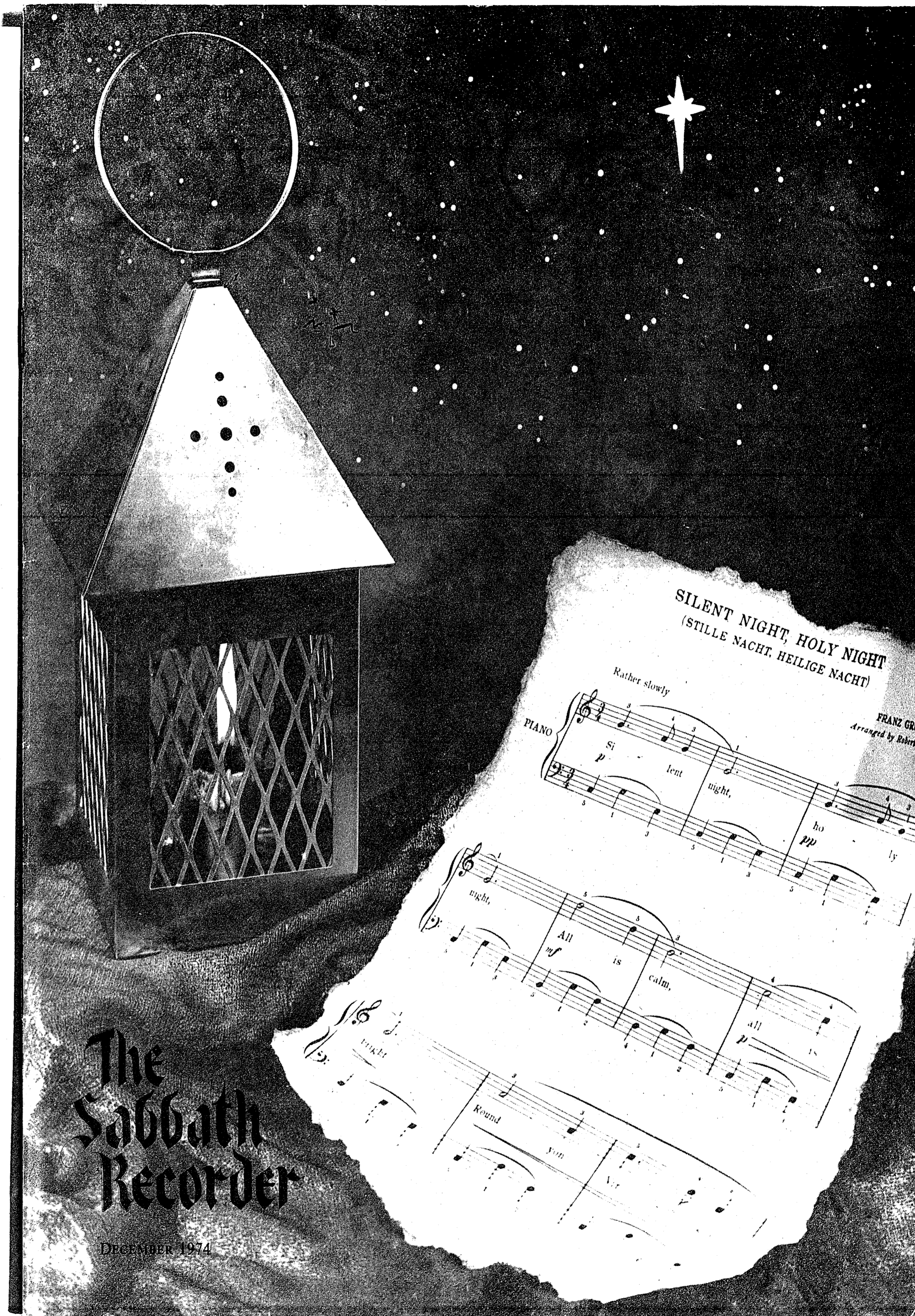
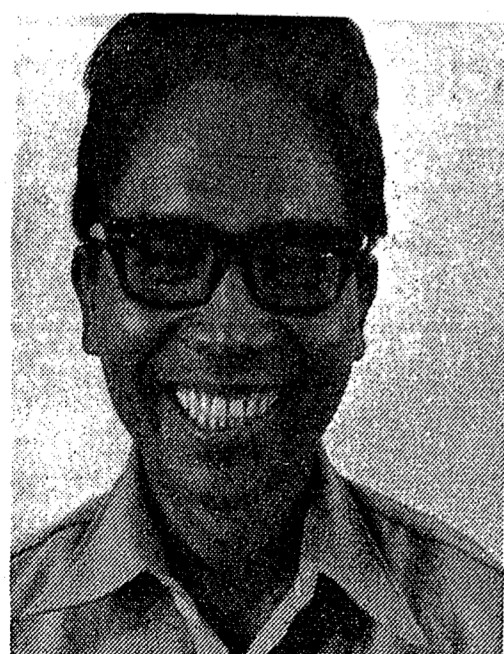
975
MRS SYBIL R HURLEY
MILTON WI 53568

"THE SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION"
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WEEK OF PRAYER
January 5 - 11, 1975

The first full week of the new year, 1975, will again be a Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists around the world, encouraged by member groups of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Daily morning prayer services in the churches, group meetings in homes, or other services for prayer in churches will gather members and friends together. Individuals and families will also join in the special emphasis in their homes. The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga, secretary-treasurer of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference is the author of the 1975 devotional booklet. Under the theme, "The Service of Reconciliation," Brother Thanga emphasizes the theme of the Baptist World Alliance world outreach emphasis, "Reconciliation Through Christ" heading up the key verse of 2 Corinthians 5:18: "But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga resides in Rangoon, Burma, and has a ministry translating tracts and booklets into the Lushai language (used in the Chin Hills where the Seventh Day Baptist churches are located) and writing Bible study lessons and books which are used in many church groups. He was ordained in February 1974, during the visit of the SDBWF ambassadors when they were asked to be members of the ordination council.

Sample copies of the Week of Prayer booklet, published by the SDB General Conference (USA) have been sent to pastors, and/or church leaders across our country. It is hoped that every church, every family, every individual, will actively participate in this Week of Prayer. Now it is time to consider ways in which all members of your church can be challenged. Orders for copies of the booklets are to be sent to the General Conference office, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. □



The Sabbath Recorder
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Second class postage paid at Plainfield, N. J. 07061

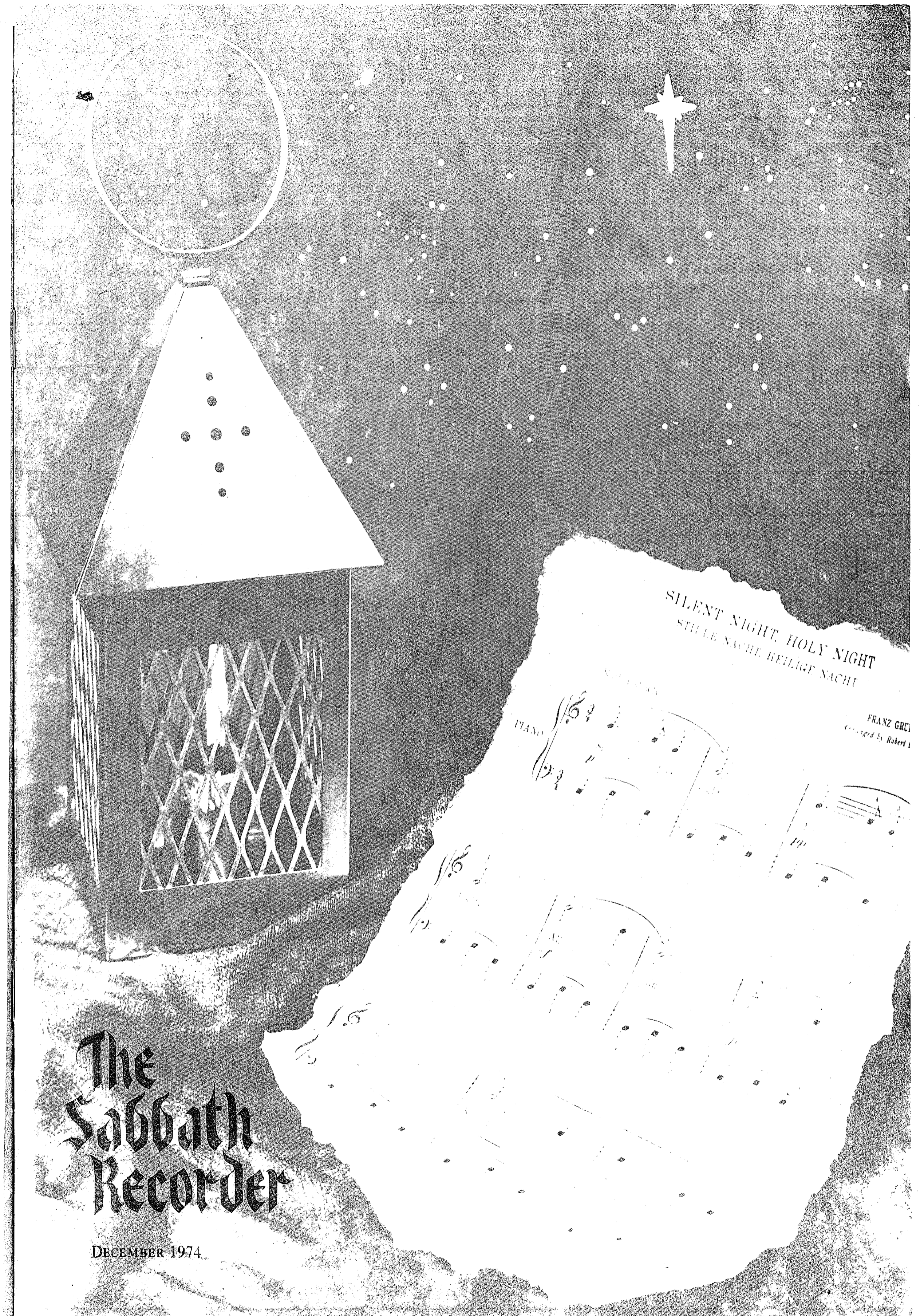
975
MRS. SERYL K. BURKE
MILTON, MA 02189

"THE SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION"
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WEEK OF PRAYER
January 5 - 11, 1975

The first full week of the new year, 1975, will again be a Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists around the world, encouraged by member groups of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Daily morning prayer services in the churches, group meetings in homes, or other services for prayer in churches will gather members and friends together. Individuals and families will also join in the special emphasis in their homes. The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga, secretary-treasurer of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference is the author of the 1975 devotional booklet. Under the theme, "The Service of Reconciliation," Brother Thanga emphasizes the theme of the Baptist World Alliance world outreach emphasis, "Reconciliation Through Christ" heading up the key verse of 2 Corinthians 5:18: "But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga resides in Rangoon, Burma, and has a ministry translating tracts and booklets into the Lushai language (used in the Chin Hills where the Seventh Day Baptist churches are located) and writing Bible study lessons and books which are used in many church groups. He was ordained in February 1974, during the visit of the SDBWF ambassadors when they were asked to be members of the ordination council.

Sample copies of the Week of Prayer booklet, published by the SDB General Conference (USA) have been sent to pastors, and/or church leaders across our country. It is hoped that every church, every family, every individual, will actively participate in this Week of Prayer. Now it is time to consider ways in which all members of your church can be challenged. Orders for copies of the booklets are to be sent to the General Conference office, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. □



A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PUBLICATION

Published monthly by the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Printed in the U.S.A. First issue June 13, 1844. Second class postage paid at Plainfield, New Jersey. Subscriptions: United States \$6.00; Foreign \$6.50. Single copies 50 cents. Special rates for students, retired Seventh Day Baptist ministers and service persons.

Member of the Associated Church Press. The Sabbath Recorder does not necessarily endorse signed articles.



JOHN D. BEVIS, EDITOR

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Mrs. Madeline Fitz Randolph, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Harris, Chairman, Rev. Charles H. Bond, Miss Florence B. Bowden, George Cruzan, Charles F. Harris, Charles H. North, ex officio, Owen H. Probasco, Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, Mrs. Ethel M. Wheeler.

Address all correspondence to The Sabbath Recorder, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

IN THIS ISSUE

Features:	
The Incomparable Christ	3
A Savior Is Born	4
Christmas	6
The Greatest Wonder in the World	8
Christmas Family Devotion	10
Pioneer Education in West Virginia	19
Departments:	
American Sabbath Tract Society	24
Board of Christian Education	14
Missionary Society	16
Women's Society	12
Children's Page	29
Denominational Dateline	32
Editorials	30
The Church in Action	20
Our World Mission Report	28
Accessions — Marriages — Births — Obituaries	27



I thoroughly enjoy the new format and the many improvements in the *Sabbath Recorder*. I have sent on my copies to a Lone Sabbathkeeper . . . I especially enjoy reports from General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler and Ethel. Thank you for a big job well done.

—Paul Sanford
Anaheim, Calif.

Enclosed you will find a check for another year's subscription. The *Recorder* has become a great journal for Seventh Day Baptists in a very attractive format. There are few if any of the smaller denominations putting together a Christian magazine the quality of the *Recorder*. You have retained all the denominational news items of churches, pastors, and plans which I long have enjoyed. The only thing I miss is the weekly arrival. However, something has to give in order to make it the kind of journal it is. My best wishes to Editor Bevis and the staff for the future and hopefully a good increase in circulation.

—Rev. George J. Spencer
First Baptist Church
Bridgeport, Nebr.

Please renew our subscription. We wouldn't want to miss an issue. Thank you for the gift to us as newlyweds for the past six months. We enjoy keeping in touch with fellow S.D.B.'s through the *Recorder*.

—Doug and Karen Payne
West Concord, Minn.

We do appreciate the *Recorder*, enclosed is our check . . . We are concerned about the lack of Sabbath School materials for children. The Sabbath School is the teaching arm of the church and these little ones will be the future church. They need to be well grounded . . . We don't like to have to use material with "Sunday" imprints. We need Sabbath material for our children.

—Douglas Yarberry
Texarkana, Ark.

The Incomparable Christ

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in early childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

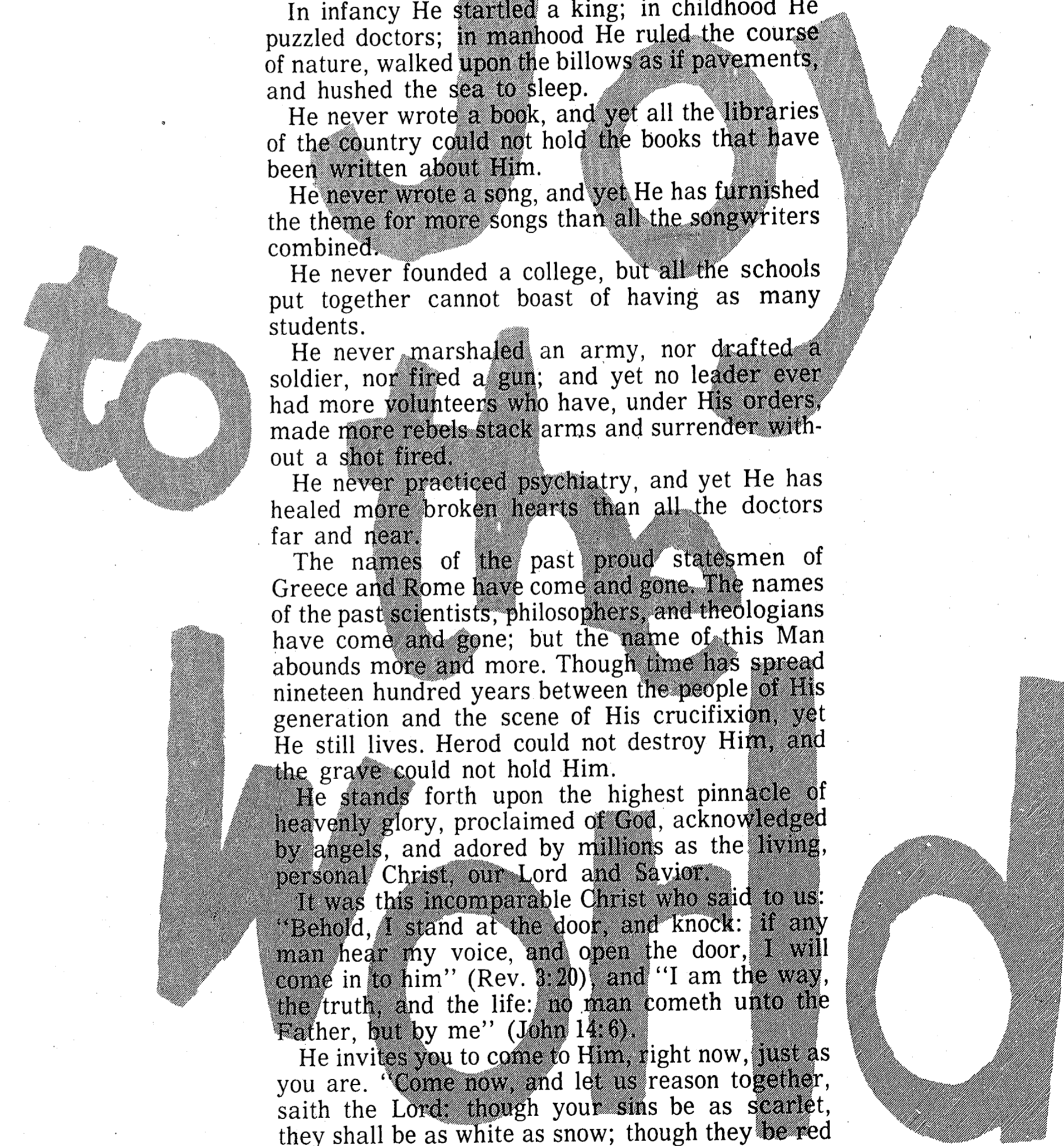
He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of His generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, and adored by millions as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Savior.

It was this incomparable Christ who said to us: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev. 3:20) and "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

He invites you to come to Him, right now, just as you are. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). Won't you accept the incomparable Christ as your personal and living Savior? □



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what they had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her mind. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. □

—Luke 2:1-20 (The New International Version)

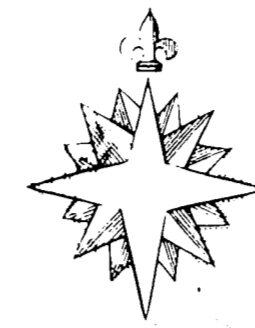
A Savior IS BORN



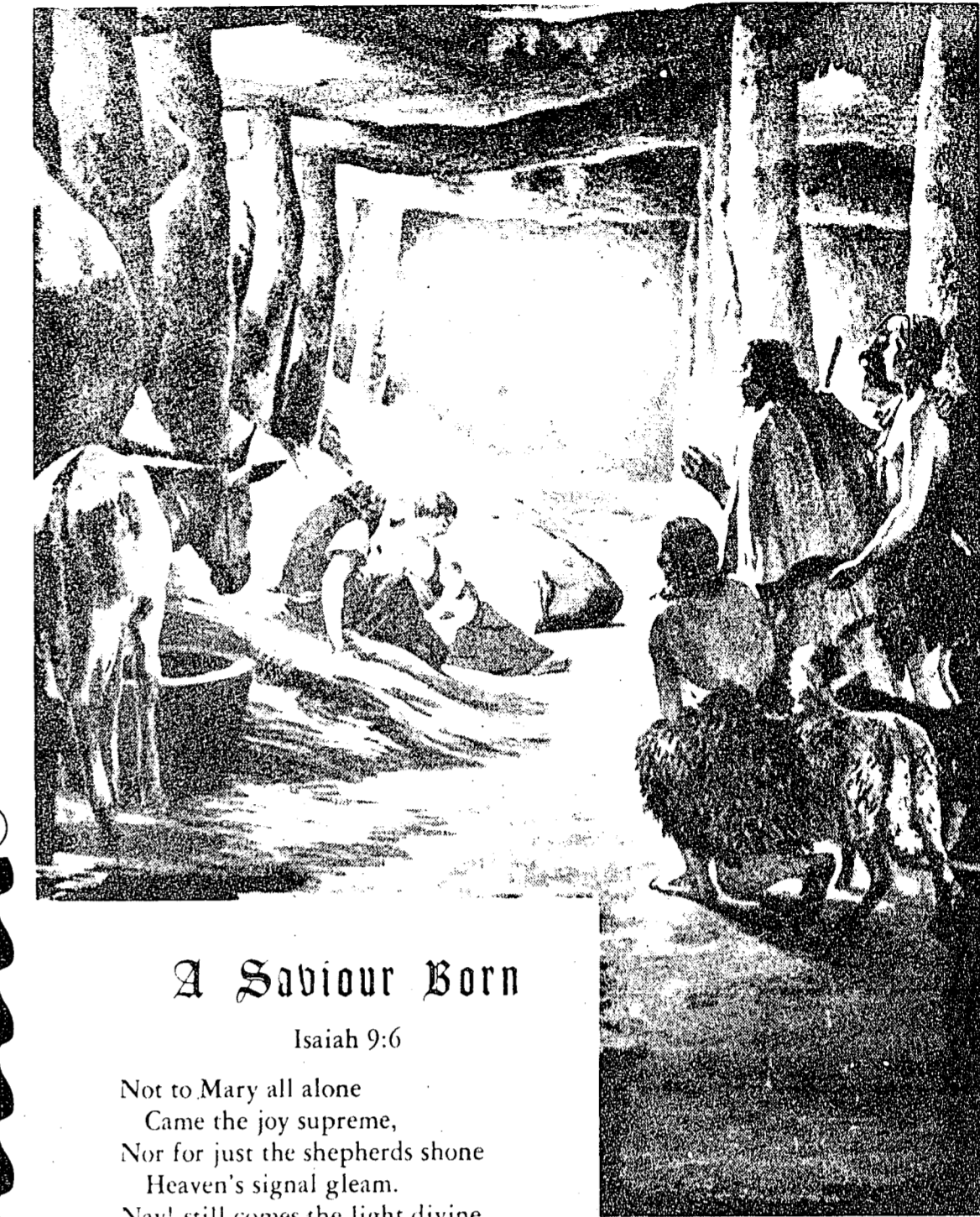
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."



and the word
became flesh
and dwelt
among us—



A Saviour Born

Isaiah 9:6

Not to Mary all alone
Came the joy supreme,
Nor for just the shepherds shone
Heaven's signal gleam.
Nay! still comes the light divine
Through earth's night forlorn—
Unto thee, O heart of mine,
Is a Saviour born.

— Pearl Waggoner Howard

"Wonderful!" The "Counselor!"
Jesus is His name;
"Prince of Peace!" "The Comforter"—
Evermore the same
As when He in manger lay,
Come to save from sin.
Soul, rejoice! for yet today
Christ is born—within!

CHRISTMASTIDE

When Jesus came to Bethlehem,
A babe to Mary born,
The world in darkness did not know
That it was Christmas morn.

The heavens knew; the angels sang
Glad songs to shepherds mild;
The star that drew the wise men on
Led to the Holy Child.

Today the Christmas anthems ring
Throughout the whole wide earth,
And Christmas stars in all our homes
Proclaim the Saviour's birth.

New-born within our hearts today,
O Christ, with us abide;
By Thy great love make all the year
A happy Christmastide.

— A.J.C. Bond

TELL ME IS THE CHILD STILL THERE?

Tell me is the Child still there?
For I am too busy to look.
There are hundreds
of Christmas cards to mail
To names in an address book.

Tell me is the Child still there?
I can't take time to see,
With turkey to buy
and presents to tie,
And lights for the Yuletide tree.

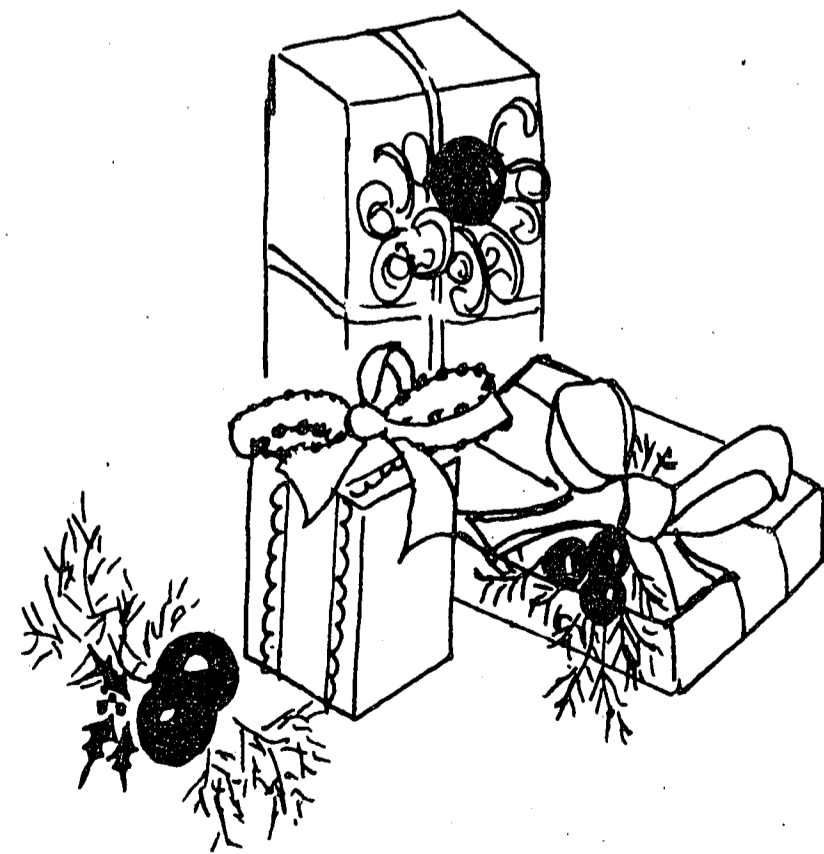
Tell me is the Child still there?
I haven't had the chance,
What with parties and pageants,
and all,
And arranging the office dance.

Tell me is the Child still there?
I've come at last to call;
But the shepherds
I can barely see,
And the wee Babe . . . not at all.
Ralph W. Seager



C H R I S T M A S

by Glenn H. Asquith



"Put Christmas in larger letters," commanded Mr. Smith, as he paused in the Cosmetics department of his store. "Some of this stuff is so old that if we don't move it at Christmas I'm going to have to junk it and take a big loss." And Mr. Smith started off for the Toy section so fast that his advertising man, notebook in hand, had to break into a trot to keep up with his boss.

"Ah, here's a spot where we have to put the pressure on — this military stuff: guns, cannon, swords, missile-launchers. You know how many groups are yelling about selling this kind of thing for kids — afraid their dear little children will learn violence! We could use three or four Christmas signs here — you know, work in the tree on Christmas morning, an American boy and a gun go together, give your boy some of the fun you had, Dad — et cetera. And," said Mr. Smith, "be sure Christmas is in big letters."

The next stop was in the Jewelry department. "This could well be our 'make-or-break' area, Abernathy. Can't you get up something that will relate the gleam in *her* eye on Christmas morning to the gleam of *quality* stones and metal? And don't be stingy with the Christmas signs."

And so it was throughout the huge department store. Mr. Smith, trailed by Abernathy, covered all bases. Finally, the tour was over. Mr. Abernathy went back to his small office with his pad filled with urgent things to be done and with one sentence ringing in his troubled mind: "Put Christmas in big letters!" Mr. Smith went back to his large office and sank in his overstuffed chair. The entire front wall

of his office was glass so that he could keep an eye on what was going on in the store below. He persuaded himself, and rightly so, that the watched employee was the most energetic.

Soon, two clerks had to pass the windows of the Smith office and, being aware of their jeopardy, walked briskly for fear of giving the impression of loitering. However, one of them caught a quick glimpse of the fatigued figure in the big chair. Catching his companion by the sleeve he said, "Look, 'little man has had a busy day.'"

And, sure enough, Mr. Smith was sound asleep. If any further proof were needed the sound that could be heard even through the glass partition verified the fact of slumber, deep and loud.

"Why were we in such a hurry, and where were we going?" inquired the second clerk. And the two of them decided that a coffee-break must be about due.

Now, it was true that Mr. Smith had had a busy day—Christmas season, you know, and it was true that he was asleep. Further, it was true that his last waking thought had been concerning big signs with big letters — CHRISTMAS. This may have had something to do with the dream that he dreamed.

In the dream, Mr. Smith came to his store the next morning exuding a spirit of vigor and "hup, two, three, four." He greeted his employees in what he considered a fatherly sort of way — the sort of way that is found in a no-nonsense, disciplinarian type father. Before going to his office, he decided to make a spot check for the new signs that Abernathy was to have in place. And he found none! Nowhere in the store could he find *one* Christmas placard with any size letters — much less some with large size letters. Yelling for some one to get for him that benighted Abernathy, he stormed to his office.

Abernathy was not eager for this conference. He stood on first one foot and then the other across the desk from the boss.

"All right, Abernathy, what is your excuse? If the new signs are not done, why did you remove the old ones — why, don't you know a customer could come in at this minute, yes, at this very minute and not know that Christmas is just around the corner!"

"But, it is not my fault, sir. An officer of the court came in and read an order that said we must take down, immediately, every Christmas sign in the place. Something about a copyright that we had infringed. Here is the name and address of the copyright owner," and Abernathy passed over a printed card.

"What copyright? What's he got copyrighted? Speak up man."

"He has a copyright on the word Christmas."

Mr. Smith's face grew red, he sputtered. Abernathy offered him a drink of water. "Christmas — Christmas? Why that has been common property for two thousand years. I'll just go and see about this." Grabbing his coat, Mr. Smith was soon on his way.

The address on the card was for a street not far from the store. But when Mr. Smith found the place he checked and doublechecked his information — he was standing in front of a church. Some mistake here. But maybe they could tell him inside. Opening the heavy door he found himself in the presence of a receptionist. A group of nervous, and apparently angry, men, were milling around. The receptionist nodded and said, "I suppose that you are here about the copyright? All of these people are here for the same reason." Just then the phone rang and the girl answered. "Yes, sir, I will send them in." To the men, "He will see you now. It is that room at the end of the corridor."

Jostling one another as they went, the group of men entered a quiet room softly lighted by the rays of the sun coming through a stained-glass window. A person was seated behind a narrow reading desk. There was something about him that stopped the headlong rush — indeed, no one spoke for a moment. Later, Mr. Smith could not describe this person — he was left more with an impression than an image.

"It is about Christmas, that you are here?" a gentle voice inquired.

"You're right, it is," exclaimed Mr. Smith indignantly. "What nonsense is this? A copyright — if any — on the word Christmas expired long ago. What are you trying to pull here?"

"Ah," came the answer, "but we are not speaking of a word but a name — the name Christ."

"Even so . . ." interrupted the merchant.

"Yes," continued the person, "a name. If you live to be one hundred, Mr. Smith, won't your name still be yours to protect from illegal use?"

"Let's not waste time," urged Mr. Smith. "Apparently you have satisfied the court of your claim. Now what accommodation can we make? No doubt it is money you want."

"On the contrary, my friend. Money is of no value to me. I only request that the name in the word Christmas be used in an appropriate manner."

"Now we are getting somewhere — I think." Mr. Smith brusque manner seemed to have softened a bit. "Now look at it from my viewpoint. Business today is a tough deal. We merchants lose money during some months, and break even some months, and we depend upon the Christmas sales to pull us out into the profit column. I think I speak for my fellow store-owners — White, Davis, and the Emporium," and he looked at his competitors. Each one of the three nodded in strong approval which encouraged him to go on. But first the person had a word.

"Strange — how strange that you should use Christ to make for you a profit; he had nothing to call his own."

A brief pause. Then Mr. Smith carried on his argument in what he thought was a persuasive tone. "Let me give you some examples. Take

Cosmetics. We are bound to accumulate stock that is not very new. Oh, it can do no harm and probably does about as much good as any of that stuff — but it does get stale and handled. Now, if we don't get rid of this outdated material at Christmas we are going to have to junk it and take a loss. You see that, don't you?"

"Again, strange that you think Christ should help you with your lipsticks, face creams and deodorants. He never stressed the outward appearance, as you know."

Mr. Smith let this sink in for a moment, but he was not through yet. "Well, then, Christ was interested in children. And in our Toy Department — well, tastes change every year and we try to keep up with the whims. Which means we get stuck with what was the thing last year and the year before. Military toys are now being frowned on, but we have a lot of them left over. Really, we must use Christmas to get these items off the shelves."

"Amazing, amazing," countered the quiet voice, "What a place for the Prince of Peace — on a counter full of guns."

"Let me try, again," urged Mr. Smith. "There are rich things, and good things of earth — in our Jewelry section, for instance. A few Christmas cards here and there must be appropriate."

(Continued on page 25)



THE GREATEST WONDER in the world

By Rev. L. Sawi Thanga
Secretary, Burma SDB Conference

On a beautiful night, nearly 2000 years ago, a Jewish baby boy was born in a manger in Palestine. His parents were very poor. His father was the village carpenter. Until he was thirty years of age, he worked as a carpenter. When he was thirty years old, he stepped out from the quiet hills and carpenter shop and proclaimed to the world that he was the Redeemer, the Savior, the Son of God. Was he? At that time very few people believed it. But now millions of people all over the world are trusting in that carpenter of Nazareth as their only Savior. As Christians, we are trusting everything on Jesus Christ. We are trusting Him to forgive us our sins, and to give us eternal life.

How can I be so sure that Jesus Christ can do all that for me? How can people like me who have never seen Jesus Christ come to the place where "In their hearts they can believe and know that He is their Savior"? Acts 18:28. It is by showing by the Holy Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ, the Savior of the world. You may ask, what Scriptures? The only Scriptures which the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ had to use at that time were the books of the Old Testament (all thirty-nine of them). The supreme proof that Jesus of Nazareth is the true and only Savior is found in the fact that the life of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is just as it was prophesied in the Old Testament.

Jesus said, "I am the One," "I am He." God through the prophets recorded the life story of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, centuries before He was ever born. Did you ever hear of a man's life story from birth to death being written down before he was ever born? It is marvellous to see that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the prophecies and predictions were fulfilled to the letter. When you read biographies, they begin with a man's birth. We will begin there now.

In the fifth chapter of Micah, the second verse, a prophecy had been made 710 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." God here pointed out the very town where the Messiah was to be born. God put his finger on that little village of Bethlehem, just eight miles outside of Jerusalem, and said, "That is the place."

Was Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem? Everybody who has heard the Christmas story, knows that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. There was something wonderful about that. Mary, the mother and Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, lived in Nazareth which was seventy miles from Bethlehem. Seventy miles at that time, in the history of the world, involved three days' journey. If you had lived at that period in history, knowing that Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived in Nazareth, you would have said, Jesus, her son will be born in Nazareth. Yet 710 years before God had looked down and said it would be in Bethlehem. The hand of God is on the lever of circumstances. He is in control of events. At just the right time a decree came from Caesar Augustus, Emperor of Rome, which caused Mary to go up to Bethlehem so that Jesus could be born where God said that He would.

The foreknowledge of God has laid the plan to save the human race so fully that the fact of Jesus Christ being the Son of God was foretold many centuries before His birth. Seven hundred years beforehand God told who His mother would be. We find this recorded in the words of the prophet Isaiah. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

God even foretold the family from which He would come. This

is found in the eleventh chapter of the same book of Isaiah and the first verse. "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." From the family of King David, King of the Kingdom of Israel, Jesus was to come. In fact Jesus Christ is known in history as the Son of David.

God foretold the time when the Messiah would begin His work. We turn for this prophecy to the ninth chapter of the book of Daniel and read the twenty-fifth verse. The world's Redeemer would appear 483 years or sixty-nine prophetic weeks after the decree by Artaxerxes, the Persian emperor. This emperor made a decree which enabled the Jewish nation which had been taken into captivity seventy years before by Nebuchadnezzar to return to their homeland and to rebuild the city of Jerusalem which had been completely destroyed. At the time when Daniel the prophet wrote this prophecy, he lived in Babylon and Jerusalem was laid waste. This decree was made in the year 456 B.C. This has in recent years been substantiated by archaeological discoveries. Now you deduct 456 from 483 and it brings you down to the year 27 A.D. In this year Jesus Christ began His ministry. Right on time according to prophecy God said the Messiah would be here, and He was not early, not late, but on schedule.

John the Baptist was out in the Judean wilderness near the Jordan river baptizing people. Suddenly there appeared before him a striking figure. John recognized that He was a person of a greater being than he. Jesus came to be baptized of John. At first John was reluctant to baptize so great a being, the Son of God, but he finally consented. When Jesus Christ came up out of the water after His baptism, the heavens opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lightning upon Him, and lo, a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom

I am well pleased." That man went up from that baptism and began to preach, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15). Isn't it wonderful how God marks out all those details?

God foretold one thousand years in advance that Jesus after just three and one half years of ministry would be betrayed by one of His own disciples. This is found prophesied in Psalm 141:9. You would think as you read this verse that you were reading the account of an eyewitness.

Zechariah, the Old Testament prophet, foretold five hundred years before Christ was born the exact price that Jesus would be sold for by His betrayer, and furthermore the use to which the pieces of silver would be put. Five hundred years before Christ was born, these words were written down on scrolls, the actual price, and what Judas the disciple who betrayed Jesus to the leaders of the Jewish nation would do with the blood money. And then how the priests would use that money was foretold exactly. It was the exact price (Zechariah 11:12-14).

When Judas received the money, he began to be remorseful, not repentant. He took the thirty pieces of silver money and said, "I have sinned, I have betrayed innocent blood." Judas had tried to return the money to them, and when they refused to take it, he threw it on the floor in front of them and went out and hanged himself. What were the priests to do with the money? One said, "Take it up and put it in the treasury." If they had followed his suggestion, and put the thirty pieces of silver money into the temple treasury, this Book would not be a true book. God has said that they would give it to the potter. And so the New Testament tells us that the priests went and with those thirty pieces of silver money purchased a potters' field to bury strangers. Such little details, foretold and fulfilled, are what forever establishes this Book as the Word of God, and Christ as the only true Savior.

One thousand years beforehand the Bible foretold where the Roman soldiers would drive the nails in the Son of God. At 1000 B.C., crucifixion was unknown. That is another marvel of God. The Roman people invented crucifixion as a

means of torture and death. The twenty-second Psalm of David and the sixteenth verse says, "They pierced my hands and my feet." In fact the entire twenty-second Psalm and chapter fifty-three of Isaiah is full of intricate details of the crucifixion of Christ. It is wonderful how all these little details are included in the prophecy.

As Jesus Christ hung on the cross, He knew that everything was fulfilled up to that time, but that His tormentors must give Him vinegar to drink (Psalm 69:21; John 19:28-30). That is the very substance that God had said one thousand years before that they would give Him to drink. God today is still in control of the events in this world, although to men's thinking it is confused and muddled. Have faith in God.

It seems that there were four soldiers on guard when Jesus was crucified. Jesus wore five articles of clothing. Each soldier took one article of His clothing and His long single coat was left. They said, "We will tear this fifth one into four pieces, and then we will, each, have the same amount." "They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture" (Psalm 22:18). If they had done this, the Bible would not be a true book. So, they said, "We will cast lots and see who will get it."

The hand of God had a part in fulfilling the prophecies concerning the burial of Jesus Christ. The leaders of the Jewish nation who had planned His death, wished to put all the reproach on Jesus that they could. They wanted to bury Him with the criminals. But God works in mysterious ways. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. God moved on the heart of a wealthy Jew, Joseph of the town of Arimathea. Having gained permission from the Roman governor, he had the body of Jesus Christ laid in his own tomb. If the Jewish leaders had Jesus buried with the criminals, the Bible would not be a true book. God had said seven hundred years before Christ that His Son was to be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9). Joseph of Arimathea came on the scene just in time.

The life story of our Lord is so different from many other life stories. Any other life story ends when the man breathes his last. The life story of the Christ in the Old Testament did not stop with the pre-

dicting of the death of the Messiah, foretold 1000 years before the death of Jesus Christ that He would be raised from the dead. He would be resurrected before His body would see corruption. It is found in the sixteenth Psalm and in the tenth verse. "For thou will not leave my soul in hell, neither will thou suffer the Holy One to see corruption."

Do you know that God even placed in the Old Testament that Christ would be raised on the third day? He did and we may read it in the small book of the prophet Hosea, 6:2.

The Holy Bible even back 1000 years before His birth foretold of His ascension to His Father (Psalm 24:7-10).

God even foretold the place that Christ would occupy when He would ascend to heaven again. This is foretold in Psalm 110:1. Here God the Father and God the Son are talking to each other. When Jesus Christ left this earth at the close of His ministry He went to His Father's right hand. That is the position which He is holding right now, it was foretold in the book of the prophet Zechariah, 6:13.

We have never seen Jesus Christ with the natural eyes. But Jesus Christ came and fulfilled every one of these prophecies to the very smallest detail. That is invaluable evidence that He is the only one. Jesus of Nazareth is the only one who has ever lived to whom these prophecies could be applied. There are no mistakes. That is one of the most wonderful discoveries that any man or woman or youth or child can ever make.

And best of all this is that Jesus is soon to return to this earth. This also has been prophesied. God has never failed. He told us the truth. One verse in every six verses found in the New Testament, that part of the Holy Bible written after Christ returned to heaven, speaks and prophesies in detail of the way, the means, and the time of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Millions of people around the world look forward expecting the imminent, visible, and audible return of Jesus Christ to this world as stated in prophecy. Jesus is the hope and desire of all nations. Christ is the world's only Hope. □

Prepared upon request for publication in the Annual Magazine of the Burma Divinity School—Rays of the B.D.S., Faculty of Theology — Insein (Rangoon), for 1974-75 issue.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FOR THE HOME

Compiled by Rev. Herbert Saunders

(This worship service is planned that each of you might have something for use with your family on Christmas Day. It is hoped that many will see fit to add this worship or parts of it to their regular Christmas activities, that we may bring back the true spirit and meaning of this blessed event. Join with us, won't you, as we worship together as families in our own homes this Christmas day!)

CAROL SING: "Joy to the World, The Lord is Come"
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE HOLY BIBLE: Luke 2:1-20

POEM: "Christmas Spirit" by E. C. Baird

I am the Christmas Spirit!
I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced
children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.
I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and
thus paint a bright spot on his soul.
I cause the aged to renew their youth and to
laugh in the old, glad way.
I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and
brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.
I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled
baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of
the world.
I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild,
wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token
that releases glad tears — tears which wash away the
hard lines of sorrow.
I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred man-
hood of what might have been, and pointing forward to
good days yet to be.
I come softly into the still, white home of pain,
and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in
silent, eloquent gratitude.
In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to
look up into the face of God, and for a little moment
forget the things that are small and wretched.
I am the Christmas Spirit!

CAROL SING: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Away in a Manger"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE HOLY BIBLE: Matthew 1:18-2:12

PRAYER: Dear God, we are filled with joy and gratitude for the gift of Thy Son, the Christ, whose coming made Christmas what it should be to all of us. We are especially thankful that Christ's birthday is a day for the men of all nations and classes. Help us, we pray, to take more of the spirit of Christmas into the other three hundred and sixty-four days of each year. Amen.

CAROL SING: "The First Noel"
"There's A Song in the Air"

A CHRISTMAS LETTER: by Bishop Remington

I am wishing for you this day, a happy Christmas, and I would send you those gifts which are beyond price, outlast time, and bridge all space.
I wish you all laughter and pure joy, a merrie heart and a clear conscience, and love which thinks no evil, is not easily provoked, and seeks not its own;
The fragrance of flowers, the sweet associations of holly and mistletoe and fir, the memory of deep woods, of peaceful hills, and of the mantling snow, which guards the sleep of all God's creatures.
I wish that the Spirit of Christmastide may draw you into companionship with Him Who giveth all.
The little Christ-hands are beckoning us to come within the circle of His faith and love, where are bright angels and everyday saints, and all goodness, truth and beauty.
It is The Feast of the Child — "Come, let us adore Him."

CAROL SING: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, who hast mercifully and patiently led us through the busy year, giving us more than we have deserved, give us at this Christmas time some share in the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, the spirit of the little child, as it knocks today at the hearts of men, enter our lives and bless them; that duty may become touched with beauty, and justice be forgotten in love. Let our gifts today be not a sacrifice but a privilege. Let us accept kindness with humility. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy, or regret, that scar our hearts; and let the gentler air of the Christmas spirit touch our lives, as though the cold of winter were touched by the kindlier breath of spring. As the old year ends, and the new year begins, grant us peace with the world, and peace in our own hearts, that those we love, and those whom we may help, may have sweet joy and rest; and the grace of Jesus Christ be in us all. Amen.

"Behold
I Bring You
Good Tidings
Of Great Joy"

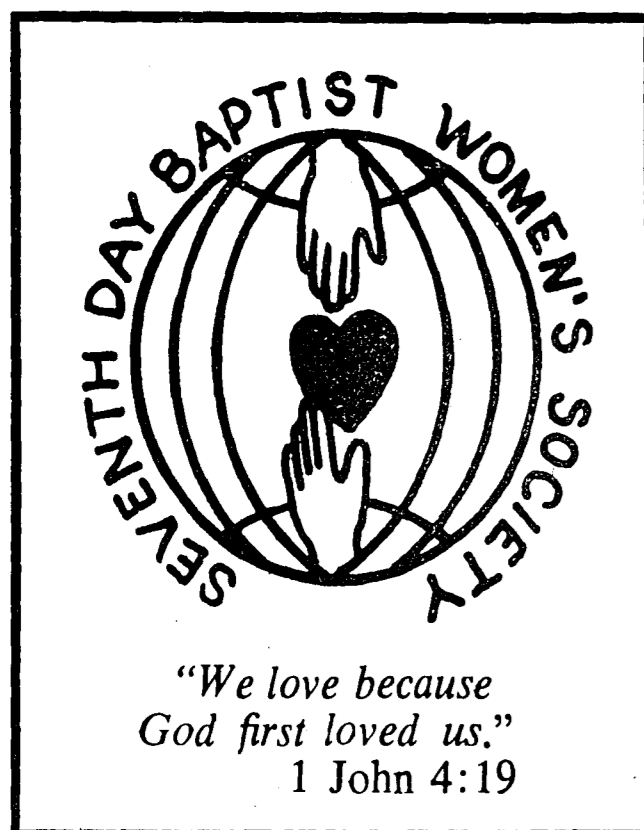
Luke 2:10



Sing and
REJOICE

for lo,
I come
and I will
dwell in
the midst
of you.





by Madeline Fitz Randolph

A REPORT OF PROGRESS The Tuition Fund Report

During the year that is almost gone the Women's Society promoted the tuition fund project. We feel that you deserve to know just how this project is going. To date we have had seven women take this opportunity to enrich their lives in study. Katherine (Mrs. Duane Davis) Kent, Wash., attended with her husband the National Conference on Church Management in May 1974. This was a five-day seminar and we quote from Katherine's letter as she evaluated her experience: "I feel like everything learned is very applicable for me in my life today and attendance as husband and wife gave us a new, refreshing view of our role as husband and wife in the ministry, it helped us in our priorities and the ability to pull together as a team, not each going our separate ways."

Marjorie (Mrs. Leroy) Bass used the tuition fund for a course which helps her towards a liberal arts degree.

Your editor used this fund toward a Christian Writer's Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored by *Decision* magazine. Ada (Mrs. Elno) Davis and Nedra (Mrs. Richard) Shepard of your Women's Society Board used the fund to aid them in attending the ecumenical assembly of Church Women United in Memphis, Tenn.

Doris Van Horn of Coudersport, Pa., attended a five-day session on the National Conference of Church Management with her husband the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn in November. Barbara (Mrs. Herbert) Saunders used the fund to attend the Creative Camping Project in Boulder, Colo., in July 1974, and in her evaluation of this experience and of our project she stated: "I feel that a minister's wife must be challenged to grow and learn along with her husband." □

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North
On October 10, 1974, and for the following three days, five Seventh Day Baptist women shared, worshiped, laughed, wept, and prayed with 2,127 other Christian women at an ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED in Memphis, Tennessee. There were over sixty international guests from all parts of the world. It did not matter what race you were or to what faith you belonged, we were "one in the body . . . one in the spirit."

Mrs. Frances Clarke, Mrs. Ada Davis, Mrs. Anna North, Mrs. Nedra Shepard, and myself, Mrs. Myrna Cox, participated in "mini-communities" to try and understand the problems of
WOMAN AND POVERTY
WOMAN AND PRISON
WOMAN COMMUNICATING HER FAITH.

We studied to see how these problems affect political action, community action, children's advocacy, education, and communication. As we shared together, we could see that the problems are very real, but we could also see that they are not "unsolvable" if we are united. And that, my Christian friends, is the key. If we are UNITED. There will be more about this assembly in the February issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, but as we are ending 1974 and looking ahead to 1975, we pray that our Seventh Day Baptist women will be united in our goals, hopes, and dreams in order that we too may share in the hope, love, peace, and joy of this world. We are just as much a part of what is happening in the world as were the 2,130 Church Women United in Memphis. There is a song that says:

"One woman's eyes can't see the way ahead,
Two women's eyes can't see the way ahead,
But if two and two and fifty make a million,
We'll see that day come round,
We'll see that day come round."

As we again approach the celebration of Christ's birth, let us consider our heritage which includes the story of many journeys, and let us consider our horizons — for now light springs from all over the world. On every continent there is racial tension, great disparity between the rich and the poor, and the repression of human dignity. Let us listen to voices which give evidence that the light of life cannot be quenched by darkness. Let us unite in a prayerful attitude that there will be hope, love, peace and joy for all men, women and children everywhere.

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the WHOLE wide earth.

—Myrna Cox □

TIME TO RUN

by Mrs. Myrna Cox

One other person was all he needed. One. Somehow . . . it could be everyone's story. No one should be alone in the world. But Jeff Cole was. No one should miss out on the special warmth that a relationship based on love . . . and giving . . . can create. But Jeff Cole did. Jeff didn't share in the uniquely rewarding experiences of life, because he was afraid to admit that he needed the things others had to offer. He traveled through the days and nights of his lifetime alone, perhaps because he was unwilling to communicate love to those around him . . . his family . . . and Michelle. Jeff experienced a deep void in his life — a void that could be filled by one other person. But the question he ultimately faced was — who is that one other person?

TIME TO RUN is a motion picture that offers answers to the multitude of complex questions and everyday struggles faced by Jeff Cole, and the thousands of other "Jeffs" who will see parts of their lives played out on the screen. In a way, you and I . . . all of us . . . share this vividly real drama.

TIME TO RUN is a film of discovery . . . that the human condition — loneliness, despair, frustration, emptiness — is NOT an endless condition.

But above all, TIME TO RUN is a movie for people who love. People who more than see movies. People who laugh, who cry, who live the things

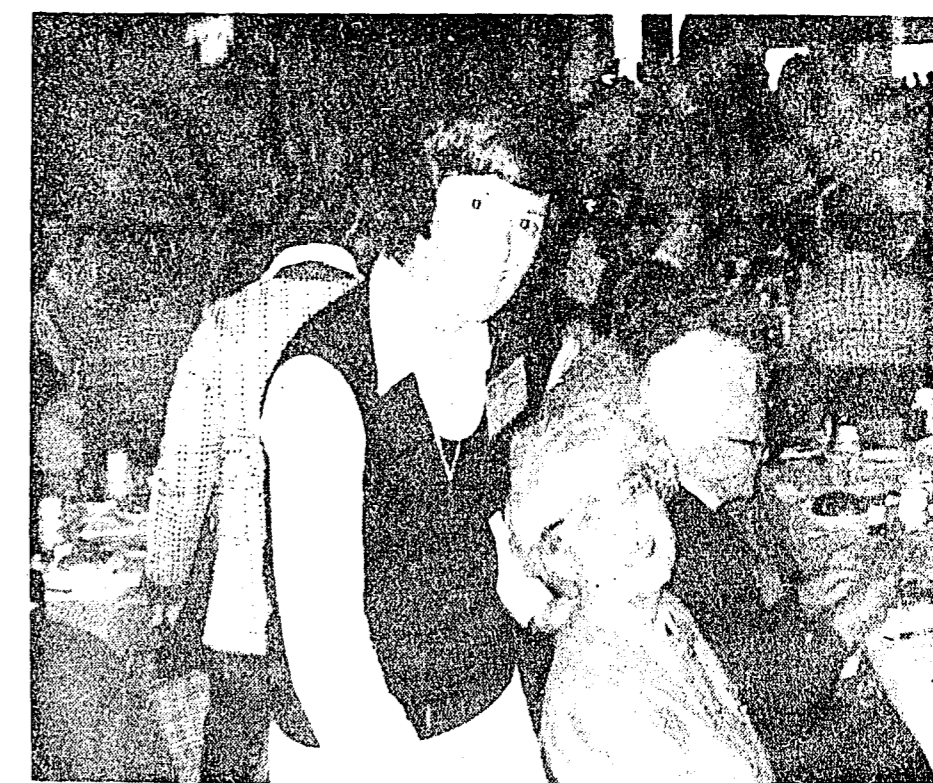
Appreciation expressed to

*Baptist
Joint
Committee*

by

General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler
in behalf of Seventh Day Baptists as
the BJCPA at a dinner meeting in
Washington, D.C., celebrated its thir-
ty-fifth anniversary on October 8.

... "One world" . . . as well as
"one nation under God . . . with
liberty and justice for ALL." That
should well be the ideal in which
we as Christians should in the
name of Christ invest our faith,
the goal toward which we should
expend our efforts, and the achieve-
ment for which we should fervently
pray.



President Myrna Cox greets Mrs. Anna North, delegate from New Jersey, at the Memphis meeting of Church Women United.

they see on the screen. People who allow themselves to be touched. It's a movie for you . . . and possibly someone you love. It's an experience to be shared . . . together. Love is all around . . . in TIME TO RUN.

This movie, produced by World Wide Pictures, is promoted through churches in designated areas. During October 16-22, this film was shown in communities throughout Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. In Boulder alone, over 4,000 advanced tickets were purchased.

No one film can answer all the complex questions that everyday people face in their everyday lives. But TIME TO RUN is a beginning. Its story . . . its music . . . its images . . . belong to all of us. □

Cervantes shared the observation that "Liberty . . . is one of the greatest blessings that heaven has bestowed upon mankind."

Thomas Jefferson centuries later was to note that "The ground of liberty must be gained by inches," to which Wendell Phillips was to add, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought "as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." They yearn for the freedom to yield to the dictates of one's conscience in the living of one's life. They respect the same yearning in the lives of others.

They are humbly proud to be numbered among the member bodies of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. They are most grateful for its varied and invaluable services rendered, for its competent counsel offered, and for its relentless vigilance exercised toward ful-

fillment of its purpose. They are appreciative for its continuing efforts "to commend and to defend the historic Baptist principle of religious freedom," for its being concerned about situations pertaining to the relatedness of church and state, and for its involvement when opinion, counsel or action are sought.

The Baptist Joint Committee is to be commended for the respect it commands on the part of many in our nation's capital and elsewhere, for the counsel it offers on judicial and legislative matters and for the impact it makes in congressional as well as religious circles.

Seventh Day Baptists are impressed that in return for any and all of their investments of time, personnel, and money, amazing benefits have repeatedly accrued. For all of this, and more, they are thankful to the Lord. □

Secretary Wheeler has served as chairman of the BJCPA for the past two years.

As the Church School Goes, So Goes the Church

By Milton Owens,
Manager, Curriculum Services,
American Baptist Board of
Educational Ministries

(Mr. Owens spoke and answered questions at the 1973 S.D.B. Ministers Conference in Shiloh, N. J., and is very helpful in supplying samples or information on American Baptist curricular or magazine resources. This article appeared in the September 1974 *Torch*.)

Many have predicted the death of the Sunday church school, but it has not heard their predictions. Sure, many church schools are limping along with a handful of folk. In the 1950's and 1960's some congregations erected elaborate educational facilities only to discover in the 1970's that their church school needs less room than they needed prior to the construction of the new facility. But it seems to be sickness rather than death that they are experiencing — sickness that needs prompt treatment.

During the past decade, it has been noted that changes in church school membership usually precede changes in church membership by three to five years. When the Sunday church school declines, the church will eventually experience a severe decline in both the quantity and quality of its membership. During the initial period of this decline, the church has all of the appearances of success. The membership will be growing; attendance at the Sunday morning service will

be plentiful; and so will the giving. The growth in these three areas often enables the church to move from the position of a struggling institution to a successful one according to the standards of other secular institutions. And the informal criteria for a good member becomes attendance at the Sunday worship and financial support.

Prior to reaching its success in membership and giving, the three important functions of the church school are shared in all areas of the church's life. These functions are: (1) imparting information, (2) indoctrinating and (3) forming behavior patterns. Unfortunately these functions become secondary to the worship service, in which there is little opportunity for individuals to develop lasting relationships or dialogue with others about what is important to them. This does not mean that the Sunday worship should be replaced. Worship or celebration is a vital part of the Christian experience. Worship is that time set aside for the community to reflect upon its life together and to give praise to God. Worship becomes more meaningful when its participants have had an opportunity to develop meaningful relationships in which persons may learn to share, care for, support, and respect each other's struggle to live

the teachings of the gospel.

In order for the church to avoid becoming an ineffective institution, it must seek to be more than a congregation of faithful pew sitters. It must become a supportive fellowship of believers. There must be opportunities for the members to interact with each other on an ongoing basis about:

- * Who they are as members of a Christian community;
- * Where they came from; and
- * What they should be about.

Such opportunities ought not to be designed to provide answers but to enable persons to raise the right questions. Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-30) or the lawyer (Luke 10:25-37) is a good example of persons having the right answers but not the right questions — the hard, doubting, controversial, action-oriented questions. Such opportunities ought to provide information that can be understood by the individual and related to his or her felt needs.

Such opportunities should provide guidelines for each person to pursue his or her own spiritual journey. What may be adequate for one person may be fatal for another. Therefore, a church can't write one prescription for the entire fellowship and not lose persons.

Such opportunities should be faithful to the *pull* of the gospel and doing God's will and to the *push* of an ever-changing world. This faithfulness to the *push* and *pull* is more than the quoting of Scripture verses. It ought to encourage persons to examine their human condition and accept responsibility for their own and the other person's movement toward the fullness of life.

Such opportunities ought to provide a context for conscious involvement of the church's membership to become the best that they can be — the potential of becoming within the push of the gospel and the pull of change.

The Sunday church school and the other educational programs of the church should be about providing these opportunities. And the church which does not take seriously its educational programs may find itself fulfilling the old dictum: "As the church school goes, so goes the church." □

Board of Christian Education

NEWS

The Annual Corporate Meeting of the Board of Christian Education occurred at Alfred, N. Y., October 20, 1974 with about thirty persons present. Mrs. Mary Clare was elected moderator and after prayer she called for the Annual Report of the board for calendar year 1973. Executive Secretary David Clarke briefly explained the change in arrangement of the report to emphasize events or programs instead of committees. This had caused some extra study in Conference Interests Committees' consideration at the Salem Conference. The board members voted to approve the report.

The Nominating Committee presented their nominations for directors for 1975, based on contact of more than thirty persons to fill the thirty-person directorate. The director's own Executive Committee fills vacancies that occur after this election. The Board of Directors elects its own officers. Each committee may invite consultants to work in special or continuing relation.

The directors elected are: Mrs. Mary Cudahy, of Little Genesee, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Doris Van Horn of Hebron, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Clare, Burton B. Crandall, Mr. and Mrs. David Clarke, Pastor and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Sandy Snyder of Alfred; Mrs. Luan Ellis, Mrs. Mae Lewis, Mark Lewis, Chris Mattison, Mrs. Phyllis Mattison, Don Pierce, Mrs. Amanda Snyder, Rev. Edward Sutton, Mrs. Madge Sutton and Don Van Horn of Alfred Station; Pastor and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, Ellen McCrea, Maurice McCrea, Susie Robinson, Onnalee Saunders, C. Robert Stohr, Mrs. Thelma Stearns of Richburg, N. Y. (Town named is name of home church.) The Constitution requires that at least three directors be of college age, and this is interpreted to mean that or younger. Sandy Snyder

and Mark Lewis are in college; Chris Mattison and Ellen McCrea are high school Seniors.

The executive secretary distributed a mimeographed report and explained various items with additional documents and remarks. Items of potential special interest to *Recorder* readers are:

"After a week's refreshing work in the solitude of the unoccupied part of Camp Paul Hummel (after Creative Camping Project), I undertook the intensive training of the Baptist Youth World Conference at the University of Portland. What a strong encouragement to Christian growth to receive "satellite" training for program guidance under Canadian Youth Minister Gerry Cooke, Oregon psychiatric nurse Dot Delashmutt and twenty other youth leaders; and then to help Justin Camenga welcome eight SDB youth who were scattered throughout the Conference training program; and then to train my own corps of seven "core leaders" (college and high school youth) who would implement the program for three hours each morning of the conference. (The conference itself has been reported in the October *Recorder*, and further reports from our youth leaders will appear in *Beacon* and *Recorder*.)

"It is well to point out that 171 campers and staff in the two Pre-Cons means an increase in persons involved, partly due to different age divisions from previous times. Of course, West Virginia is a good SDB center of population (making probable that larger participation). Also noteworthy is the Conference recommendation that we sponsor a Family Pre-Con. (Note assistant to Life Ventures Committee.)

"We would thank Bob Stohr and Russ Johnson for leading noon consultations on Camps and Youth and Ethel Dickinson for planning the one on Church Schools, (as

chairmen of these interests in board structure) and the more than forty-five persons who shared these encounters.

"We very much appreciate the work of Jenny Johnson, especially in the several preparations for Conference. She was ably assisted by my wife. As Jenny feels the time-involvements with young son and community, we have now been happy to engage Briana Sutton in part-time secretarial service. We are very grateful for her secretarial skills, her helpful spirit, and knowledge of SDB's.

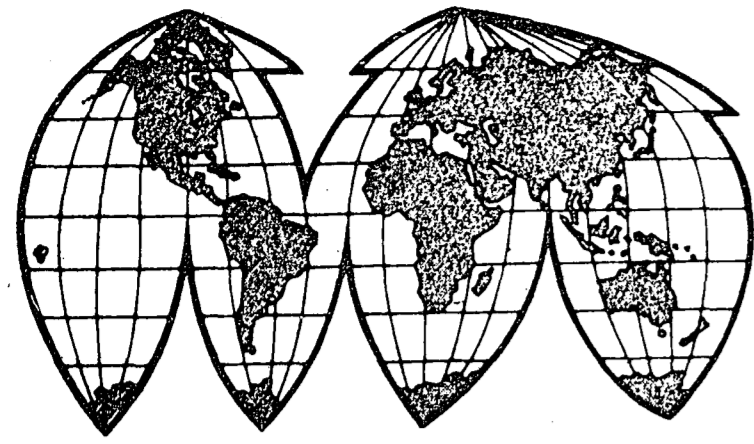
"Putting priority of energies of staff and volunteer committees, with largely OWM-determined income, continues to be daily life for us directors. I ask your prayers and open-hearted partnership in pursuing my duties for you, for Conference churches and their communities, and for Christ."

The treasurer reported for nine months. Some items include:

Summer Youth Ambassador expense	\$1,312
Secretary's travel	2,047
Helping Hand expense	5,871
Helping Hand income	3,911
Sabbath Visitor expense	711
Sabbath Visitor income	446
Camp Program (includes creative camp in Colo.)	3,912
Beacon expense	252
Beacon income	137

The directors elected these officers for 1975: President, Mrs. Mary Clare; Vice-President, Dr. Burton Crandall; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kathryn Thompson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances Clarke. Executive Secretary Clarke begins the second year of his second three-year contract, after satisfactory review by the Nominating Committee.

Harmon Dickinson reported on developing plans for the Ministers Conference to be held April 23-30, 1975 at Dodge Center, Minn. Kathy Thompson reported for the Resource Development Committee on progress in *Helping Hand* editorship change-over from Pastor Duane Davis to Ms. "Jinx" Kuchn Stonestrom. □



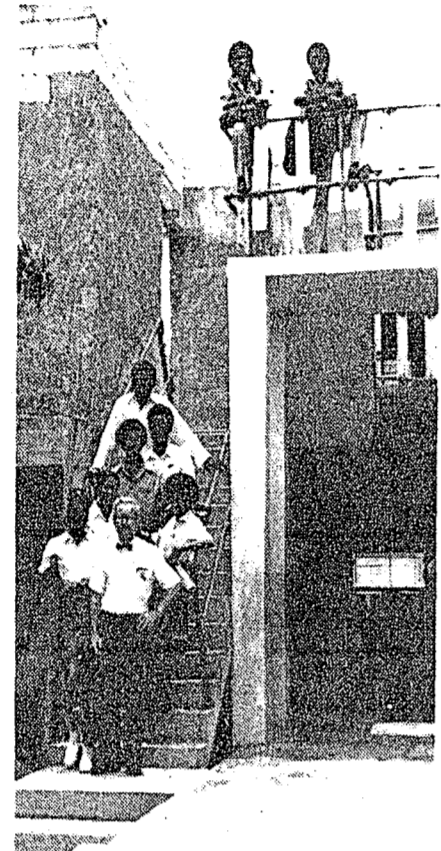
MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Jamaica

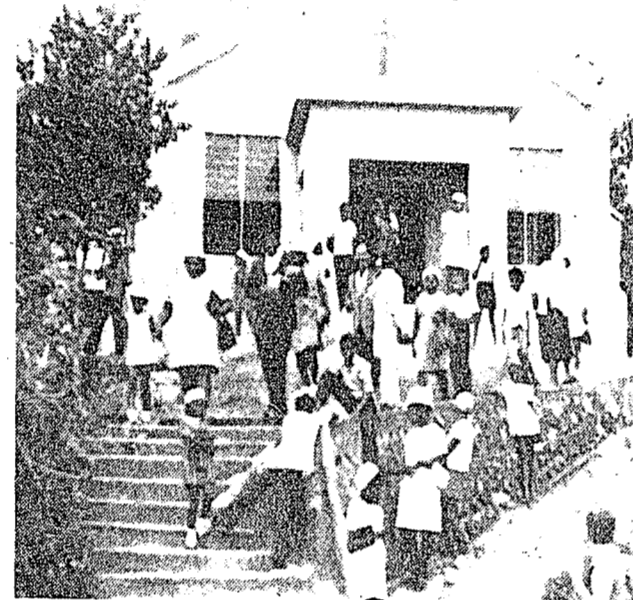
They say, "A picture is worth one thousand words." Thus we share some pictures from Jamaica to help you "see" your work being carried on there by Missionaries Douglas and Jane Mackintosh and Kenneth Burdick, assisting a large Jamaican "team."



Principal
Doug Mackintosh



Crandall High School
New Science Classroom



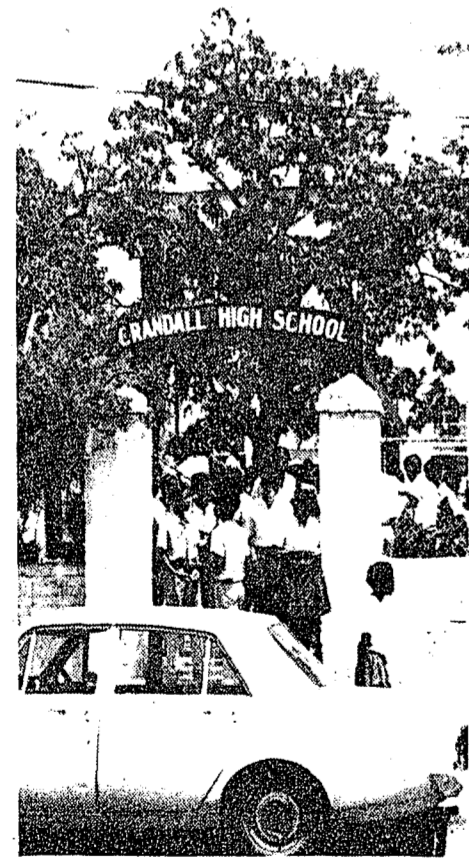
The Luna Church



Education in the
dignity of work.



Boys' Drafting Class



Entrance Gate at
Crandall High School

MISSION INSIGHTS JANUARY 1975

Beginning with this issue of the SABBATH RECORDER, we include an article on mission work as a feature. This is to be shared in your Sabbath School/Church during January. While many families may receive the RECORDER, not all members read and understand the articles. Too, emphasis and repetition is important! Make these informational articles a regular part of your Sabbath School/Church mission emphasis each month!

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH"

MISSION NOTES

IN THE INTEREST OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONS

—*Tereso Santianez, Jr.*, is now a student at Baptist Theological College in San Remigio, Cebu, The Philippines. He is son of Deacon Santianez of Curidad SDB Church, Bay Bay, Leyte.

—Over one hundred made decisions during the annual Central Africa Conference sessions held at Makapwa SDB church in Malawi. A spirit of revival and renewal prevailed, Secretary *Otrain B. Manani*, reports.

—Pastor Antonio Barrera spent several weeks travelling by bus to visit new churches and groups in North Brazil — at Joao Pessoa, Natal, Fortaleza and Juiz de Fora. He travelled over 9,000 kms. He wrote: "We are very happy because of the work in the north of Brazil. During my visit six baptisms were administered, the Holy Supper was taken, there were some decisions and many persons are interested in our gospel work. Now I am receiving letters from there telling about that work and wanting new evangelistic visits" (Letter, August 29, 1974).

—The *Verona, N. Y.*, Seventh Day Baptist Church held its first *Missionary Conference* October 9-12. The *Washington, D. C.*, church held its *Spiritual Life Conference*, October 16-20, the third year for this emphasis on missions and outreach.

—How can you make the *missions emphasis in your Sabbath School* come alive? One six-year-old went through old National Geographics to seek pictures on the field/country for study.

—The work in the *Philippines* by Seventh Day Baptists has received \$25.00 a month from October 1, 1974 to help in their *literature/evangelistic outreach*. This is supported by your Sabbath School Mission Offering.

—Former missionary to Guyana, Pastor *Leroy C. Bass*, became a missionary pastor at the *New Auburn, Wis.*, S.D.B. Church on December 1, 1974. He was the speaker at community services in Milton, Wis., on November 2.

—Statistics from *Malawi* show thirty-five churches and forty branch churches. Affiliated with the *Central Africa Conference* of SDB's is also one church and five branch groups in *Rhodesia* and one church and three branch groups in *Mozambique*. Membership totals 4,795, an increase of 323 from the previous year.

—Third quarter, 1974, *Missionary Pastors reports* show twenty-three persons baptized and nineteen received into membership in seven of the nine missionary pastor churches.

—Conference Secretary *Alton L. Wheeler* spent several weeks on the *Pacific Coast* in special ministry. He was a leader in the Pacific Coast Association leadership retreat and had meetings with churches and groups in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Kansas, and Missouri.

—Dedication services for the *new science and home economics classrooms* at *Crandall High School*, Kingston, Jamaica, were scheduled for mid-November. These, along with the new administrative office, offer new opportunities for students and staff in educational excellence. Thank God for His provision!

—Plans are laid for *Pastor Watson Mataka* of Makapwa, Malawi, to spend several months as *missionary* to the *Rhodesian* churches and groups.

—Annual *conference* sessions were held with the Dartmouth SDB Church, Guyana, S. A., in September. *Pastor Samuel Peters*, new field worker, was a featured speaker.

PRAYER

CORNER

A Prayer Reminder
for Each Day!

JANUARY 1975

- 1—Praise God for a new day!
- 2—Pastors/SDB Convention of Brazil
- 3—Rev. C. L. Cabasa, Mindanao, Philippines.
- 4—Your pastor as he preaches

S.D.B. World Federation WEEK OF PRAYER

- 5—for new ways of serving God
- 6—for specific service of reconciliation
- 7—Thank God for Jesus Christ!
- 8—for my role of ministry in my church
- 9—for the task of evangelism where I am
- 10—for faith in work of reconciliation
- 11—specifically for person on my heart
- 12—Evangelist Mynor G. Soper
- 13—Pastors/India SDB Conference
- 14—for Renewal/Revival in my church
- 15—Pastors/Central Africa Conf. of SDB
- 16—for Reach Out Now (RON) project site
- 17—Pastors/SDB Conference of South Africa
- 18—your Sabbath School teacher

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 19—Praise God for our oneness in Christ!
- 20—for new SCSC workers in 1975
- 21—Pastors/Jamaica SDB Conference
- 22—for new Light Bearers team in training
- 23—Pastors/New Zealand SDB Conference
- 24—Missionary pastors on home field
- 25—SABBATH SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING
- 26—our missionaries in Jamaica & Malawi
- 27—Secretary Alton L. Wheeler
- 28—Pastors/Guyana SDB Conference
- 29—Personal witnessing opportunities
- 30—Pastors/Burma SDB Conference
- 31—for new people in my local congregation

One emphasis this month is for pastors in several SDB Conferences. To be more specific why not look up names in a YEARBOOK, on the statistics pages at the back. Then you can mention them by name before our Lord! (Even if you are not certain about pronunciation, the Lord knows His man and hears your prayer!)

WHY A SABBATH SCHOOL MISSION OFFERING, ANYWAY?

This question is often implied, if not asked directly, by many. Perhaps *because* it has been explained in a widely twice-circulated tri-fold, *because* articles have appeared in the *Recorder*, *because* twelve articles have been sent to missionary keyworkers and pastors, *because* on various programs at churches, Associations and Conference it has been emphasized, it is considered to be common knowledge. But there, of course, is a fallacy, for if there is one basic principle of teaching or explaining, it is "say it again . . . and again . . . and again."

In January 1974 your Mission Board included an item for New Fields in its budget. This was to be supported by designated giving—Sabbath School Mission Offering primarily. At the same time, through a monthly *Mission Notes* and the S.S.M.O. articles on missions to share in Sabbath School, it was planned to help children and youth and adults become much more aware of today's outreach opportunities for and by Seventh Day Baptists around the world.

While articles shared information on various fields—usually a different one each month—the S.S.M.O. was to be given for the New Fields

Fund, leaving allocation to your Missionary Board as to its specific use. In 1974 support has gone to leaders and work in Burma and India primarily, with a small amount to the Philippines the last quarter. And, though the goal of \$3,000 was surpassed by over 30 percent, only basic and limited needs were met.

In 1975 budget includes \$5,000 for New Fields, again to be met by designated giving—Sabbath School Mission Offering primarily. Twenty-seven Sabbath Schools and Churches participated in 1974, some regularly and some only with one or two offerings during the whole year. The goal is for *every* Sabbath School to have at least *one* offering for missions *each month*—the S.S.M.O.

In 1975 mission articles for use in Sabbath School will be published monthly in the *Sabbath Recorder*. News of mission happenings will be shared in a *Recorder* column—Mission Notes. Prayer for missions—at home and around the world—will be asked through the *Recorder* Prayer Corner.

These are all intended to help you understand and give more meaningfully through S.S.M.O. and in regular support of Our World Mission. □

HABLA USTED ESPANOL?

Spanish has become a second language in many sections of the United States. We are happy to announce that the American Sabbath Tract Society has several tracts available in Spanish.

Pro and Con: The Sabbath Question

What Church Membership Implies

Seventh Day Baptists and Seventh-day Adventists Compared

Portions of the Bible in Spanish are available from the American Bible Society. Let's "Reach Out" to our Spanish-speaking friends.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

by President Kenneth Davis

It is interesting to observe reactions to the gifts of Nelson Rockefeller. Almost without exception those who receive the gifts do so without envisioning any strings attached. Only those who did NOT receive gifts feel there must be some devious purpose because the gifts are so expensive.

One there was before Rockefeller who owned more than he who gave the dearest gift He could—His own son—no strings attached. All He asked was that the recipient accept the gift and respond with love, loyalty, and devotion.

Come to think of it, maybe that is why people are concerned about Mr. Rockefeller's gifts. Far better gifts just naturally cause far greater response, don't they?

Far better people who, having accepted God's Christmas present of Himself, give themselves in exchange.

(For December Bible study and sermon suggestions, please see the November *Sabbath Recorder*.)

JANUARY TO AUGUST

How Far Better Men

January — In Our Prayer Life
"New Year's no good by itself, Lord, but any old day will do if you ring in the new me."—Redding January 4—

Adoration of the Magi—They knelt, they worshipped, they gave.—Matt. 2:11. See also Isa. 66:23; Eph. 3:14; Lk. 18:1-8 (L. B.)

January 11—
S.D.B. Week of Prayer—"Ask . . . Seek . . . Knock . . ."—Matt. 7:7-11. See also Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; 1 John 5:14

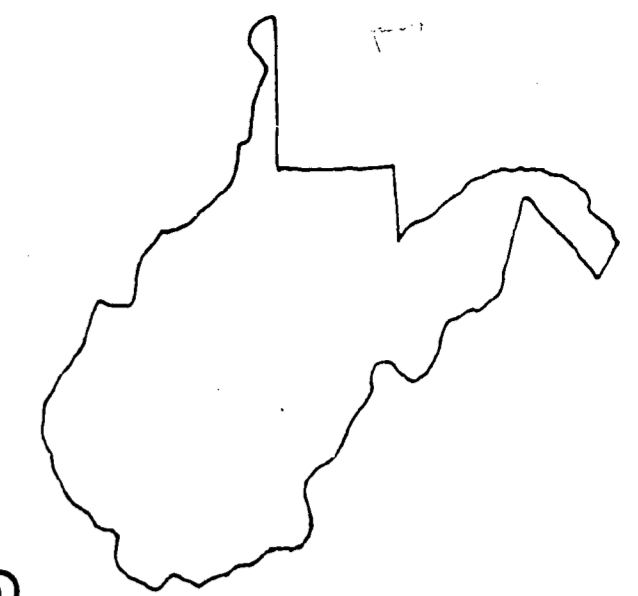
January 18—
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done . . ."—Matt. 6:10. See also Jn. 17:11, 21-23; Acts 4:32; 1 Cor. 1:13; Eph. 4:3-6, 13

January 25—
Prayer Considerations—Matt. 6:1-13 □



Preston F. Randolph, 1836-1919

PIONEER EDUCATOR IN WEST VIRGINIA



By Albert N. Rogers

Excerpts from "Beyond the Mountains" presented at General Conference, Salem, W. Va., August 15, 1974, by the Historical Society. The role of Esther Burdick was played by Patricia Lawton, Westerly, R. I. A Civil War song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," introduced the episode.

West Virginia was born in 1861 when delegates from counties west of the mountains voted at Richmond against the Ordinance of Secession. A quickly called convention at Wheeling declared that ordinance void, and formed a reorganized government which moved swiftly to identify itself as separated from old Virginia. The admission of West Virginia to the Union in 1863 was signalled by General McClellan's journey across the new state on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, passing through Salem. So the fierce pride of mountaineers was to find itself expressed more fully *beyond the mountains*.

Seventh Day Baptists, who had come from the eastern seaboard two generations before after the Revolution, now gave their sons and husbands as required to preserve the freedoms their fathers had sought. And wartime nights of loneliness and days of trial helped deepen their conviction that all persons should have opportunity for education, social freedom made

manifest. We can marvel at their invincible optimism borne of deep Christian faith. Their brethren in the North were not sure about the Seventh Day Baptists of the border state until they learned how they suffered in the war. But the common loyalty to Christ and the Sabbath, with many family ties, held the denomination from breaking apart in the Reconstruction days. Preston Randolph wrote to his sister, Esther Burdick, at Hebron, Penna., recounting those difficult days which grew into hopeful years (She enters reading a letter):

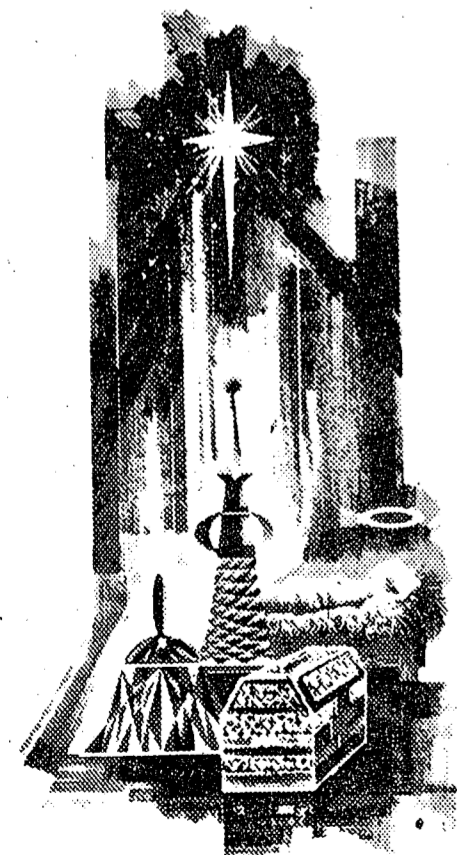
"Dear Sister: As you know after leaving your pleasant home following the graduation at Alfred I went to Quincy Academy and Snow Hill, Penna., and taught with Elder Estee. The scholars were bright and their parents encouraged them to do well in their studies, despite the war which we knew was drawing to a climax. Then word came that Lee's Army was headed north through Chambersburg. I was much surprised and pleased when my old classmate from West Union, Isaiah Bee, called us at Elder Estee's home. He was serving as a surgeon with the Confederates, but he knew of our being there and came to warn us for our safety. We closed the school at once. This time my infirmity was an advantage, for with a pass signed by Doctor Bee and my limping gait I was able

to get through the Confederate lines without being harmed or detained. I reached the B. & O. rail line at Cumberland by which I returned home to our beloved Salem and the old farm at Greenbrier. It is good indeed to be here after an absence of seven years."

Dearest Preston . . . (speaking meditatively to herself) his handicaps of lameness and stammering make him more aware of things we take for granted, and more aware of the importance of education and a better teacher for it. How well I remember how we children put our meager savings together and sent for the penmanship lessons. Preston was the smallest but he practiced most and acquired the best hand of all of us.

And then, when father sent the four of us on the long, strange journey, overland by wagon to Sistersville, on the Ohio, then by steamboat up to Pittsburgh, and then by railroad to Cleveland and east to Alfred; it was Preston who cheered us on the way when we were tired or uncertain. He was usually ahead of us in classes at Alfred (University), and did a good job teaching here in Hebron two winters, spending the summers with Elder Estee and family at Berlin, N. Y., and selling books through the New Eng-

(Continued on page 26)



The Church In Action

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NEWS NOTICE ON THE PHILLIPS

It is evident that God has called the Rev. and Mrs. Don Phillips, of the Riverside church into a ministry of hospital evangelism. The Rev. Don Phillips has been pastor in Riverside for nearly two and a half years. He and his wife Eleanor will continue to be members of the church but serve in this new and challenging work in San Diego, California. Pastor Phillips will be the resident chaplain of the new Community Hospital of San Diego at 26th and "J" streets. They will be associated with Hospital Chaplains Ministry of America, Inc. This splendid evangelical, soul winning organization serves scores of hospitals in many cities. The chaplains report many conversions to Christ in their hospitals.

The Phillips family request the earnest prayers of their friends as they enter into this new ministry to not only the sick and dying but also to hospital staff, including doctors and nurses.



Rev. Don Phillips



Rev. Neal Mills

REV. MILLS RESIGNS AT BROOKFIELD

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.—The Rev. Neal Mills, pastor of the Brookfield and Leonardville, New York, churches has announced that he will be moving to DeRuyter, N. Y., in November. He has pastored the two churches since June of 1969. The churches meet together alternating between services at Brookfield and Leonardville.

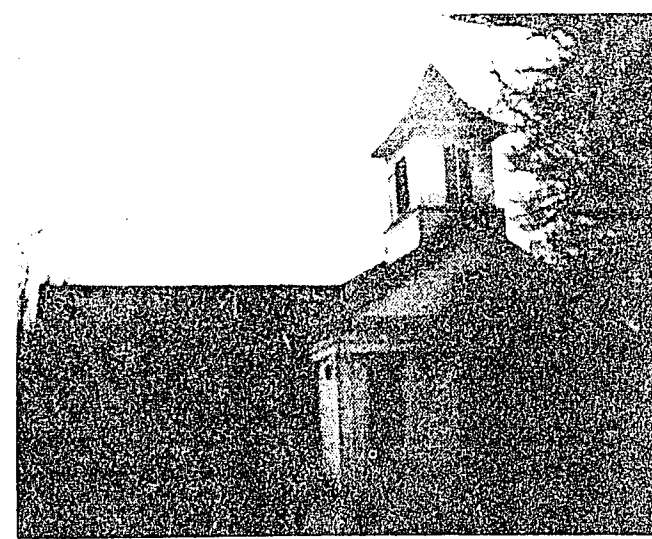
During the last quarter the attendance has averaged 33. On September 7 the William Palmer family gave reports on the General Conference sessions. On August 24 the Rev. Leslie Welch of Paint Rock, Ala., was the guest speaker.

The Parish House has been made available for the Senior Citizens' snack dinners each Tuesday. Several of the members of the local churches worked in the S.D.B. booth at the State Fair in Syracuse. The Vacation Bible School was very successful with an attendance of 59.

On September 14 there was a fellowship dinner in Leonardville in honor of Deacon Marion Dillmann for his many years of faithful service. Lyle Davis, Francis W. Palmer, and Elsie Croop paid tribute to him and he was presented with a gift book by Bernice Rogers.

We were happy to have the Rev. Mynor Soper and the Light Bearers for Christ with us for a week in September. Many people in the community came to hear them and they were much appreciated. For the final Sunday evening service the church was filled.

In his quarterly report Pastor Mills stated: "We appreciate the co-operation and many kindnesses done to us. We hope you will have a new pastor soon and that the churches will be built up spiritually as well as in membership."



Second Brookfield Church Leonardville, New York

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PLANNED

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—The fall season is well under way in the Daytona Beach church. Many of our seasonal members have already returned from the North.

Conference delegates shared highlights of General Conference at our September fellowship dinner. Those reporting included Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn, Laura Van Horn, Dr. Ruth Rogers, Velma Maxson, Rev. Leon Maltby, and Marjorie, Marian, and Mark Jacobs.

Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn spent some time in September visiting Lone-Sabbathkeepers and friends of our church throughout the state of Florida. The Rev. Leon Maltby and Alan Crouch conducted our service while Van Horns were away.

We appreciate the contribution of the choir to our services. Iris Maltby directs our choir. The children look forward to Pastor Van Horn's children's messages. An average of eight youngsters eagerly rush to the front of the church for their message.

The women of the church are busy sewing and making things for our annual Christmas bazaar held each November. The bazaar is set up on the sidewalk of a busy shopping center. Other projects include making layettes for Church World Service, play clothes for the local Headstart program, gift quilts for newlyweds and new babies. The men have helped with improvements to the parsonage.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming winter months. We extend a warm welcome to one and all.

—Janette Crouch



Seattle Area S. D. B. Church

SEATTLE VOTES TO PURCHASE CHURCH

SEATTLE, WASH.—At the largest attended business session of the Seattle Area S.D.B. Church, it was voted to purchase the property we have been renting for the past year, for \$45,000.

Consisting of the land and two buildings the property is about three miles from the city center, across from Georgetown city playground, and just off exit 162 of Freeway I-5. The building was purchased from the New Hope United Presbyterian Church.

As the papers are finalized for our purchase, we especially need the prayers of all our members and friends that this forward step may be accompanied by a spiritual revival among our people and a reaching out to share Christ and His love with our community and the world. (The Seattle Area church was organized in 1968 and has a membership of 61.)

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WEEK OF PRAYER BOOKLETS ARE READY

Theme: The Service of Reconciliation
Written by: The Rev. L. Sawi Thanga of the Burma S.D.B. Conference
Place Your Order Now
SDB Publishing House
P. O. Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Mid-Continent Association Meets at North Loup

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.—Mid-Continent Association met at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, October 11-13, 1974. The theme for the weekend meetings was "Forget Thyself and Love Others, for God Is Love." About sixty visitors were present from the Boulder, Denver, Nortonville, and Kansas City churches, as well as representatives from Lincoln, Omaha, Clarks and Kearney, Nebraska, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

President Elery King welcomed the visitors Friday evening. The Sabbath Eve worship service consisted of a meditation by the Rev. Paul Osborn of the Nortonville church, and special music by the Ryschon family quartet and a solo by Mrs. Jeneane Abel, followed by Communion.

Sabbath Day the "Love" theme was evident in the morning service and throughout the day. The Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, General Conference president, used "Implications of God's Love" as the topic for his message. The children's sermon was given by Pastor Clifford Bond. Special music was an anthem by the choir, "This Is Love," and a solo, "The King Is Coming," by Jerry Van Horn.

A fellowship dinner, with lots of visiting through the noon hour, was followed by Conference Interests as presented by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis. The men's quartet, Robert Wheeler, Jeff Cox, Merlyn Van Horn and Ron Goodrich, provided special music.

The night after the Sabbath, the quartet sang again and after Scripture and prayer by the Rev. Elmo Randolph of Boulder, the North Loup choir of twenty voices presented "The Good Life," a musical by John W. Peterson. A social time with refreshments was held in the basement and the young folks went roller-skating at the North Loup Community Hall. That brought to a close a day of worship and fellowship with friends from our sister churches and individual groups.

The Mid-Continent Association business meeting was held Sunday morning. During this time, the new president, Lewis Davis of Boulder, was introduced.

The noon meal was served at the church, then all went outdoors for the dedication of the blue spruce, a gift of the Boulder church for the 100th anniversary of the North Loup church. The tree had just been planted and was from the estate of the late Roy Rogers. Visitors then departed for their homes. It was a joyous weekend and even the weather cooperated. Next year's meeting will be held in Boulder, Colorado.

MAYOR ENTERTAINS LIGHT BEARERS

WHITE CLOUD, MICH.—The Light Bearers for Christ rendered a very spiritual weekend in White Cloud, October 18-20. Besides the three services in our church, they presented special music for the Methodist church service on Sunday morning and were invited to extend their singing on into the Sunday School hour. For the Sunday night service, both the Assembly of God and the Methodist Churches disbanded their services and joined us for the final concert. The Rev. Charles Graffius of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salemville, Pa., delivered the messages on Sabbath morning and Sunday night. Other highlights of the weekend were singing to the shut-ins on Sabbath afternoon and the climax of the week, which was an invitation for fellowship after the Sunday night service in the home of the Mayor and Mrs. Leon McGowen of White Cloud. Meals were served in the church on Sabbath by the Ladies Aid. The Lord blessed us richly throughout the weekend.

DIACONATE ORDINATION AT ALFRED

ALFRED, N. Y.— Breaking with precedent and following the trend of the times in giving recognition to women's abilities, the Alfred church, for the first time in its history, elected a woman president. At the annual meeting held October 20 the officers elected included: Mary Jane (Mrs. Berwyn) Reid, president; Gordon Ogden, vice-president; Evelyn (Mrs. Roger) Thomas, clerk; Bernice (Mrs. Richard) Pierce, assistant clerk; Linda (Mrs. Dale) Butts, treasurer and Mildred (Mrs. Joseph) Amato, assistant treasurer. Other business included hearing and accepting reports and projected plans for 1975 and electing of committees.

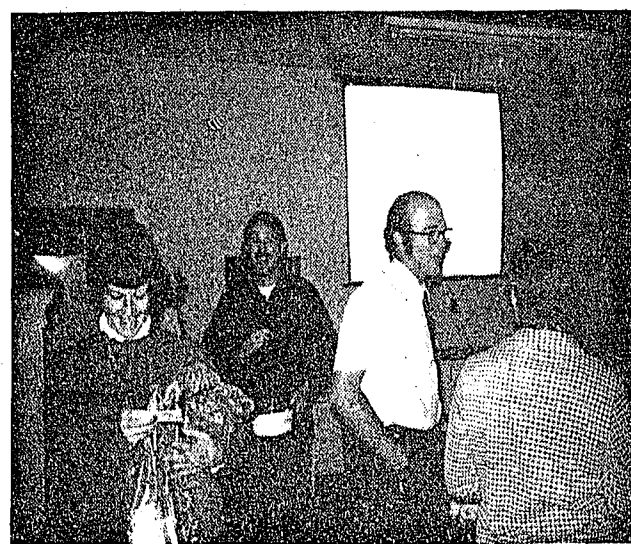
The meeting was preceded by a supper hosted by the Women's Society. College students and friends were guests at the dinner.

In addition to the annual dinner and business meeting the Alfred church has held several significant occasions this fall.

On September 21, four women and one man: Iva (Mrs. Howard) Jacox, Margaret (Mrs. Kenneth) Kenyon, Mary (Mrs. Don) Clare and Mr. and Mrs. (Frank and Jean) Snyder, were ordained into the Alfred diaconate.

Representatives from sister churches in the Allegheny Association were invited to share in the afternoon service which included Scripture, a charge to the diaconate candidates, the statements of the candidates, the service of laying on of hands by the visiting and Alfred diaconate and closed by a quartette singing "A Commission."

At the close of the morning service, September 28, the members of the choir and Sabbath School teachers were recognized for faithful work and dedicated to greater ser-



Alfred Church Retreat

vice. The congregation stood as a sign of support and encouragement for these groups.

On October 5, the congregation met at Camp Harley Sutton for camp-type morning worship. After a dish-to-pass luncheon, the afternoon was spent planning program for 1975 for the church. Several persons remained at camp for an informal supper and fellowship.

As a result of these activities the Alfred church anticipates a year of growth within the church family and a greater outreach to those around us. — Mary Clare.

North Central Association Meets at New Auburn

The New Auburn, Wis., church was host to the North Central Association, October 11, 12, and 13. The theme of the weekend was "Seeking Wisdom" taken from Proverbs 9:1-12 and Proverbs 4:5-13. "What Is Wisdom?" and "Why Seek Wisdom?" was explored by Bill Bond and Phil Greene of Dodge Center.

There were about 160 who attended the Sabbath Morning Worship Service from New Auburn, Battle Creek, Milton, Albion, Walworth and Dodge Center.

Pastor and Mrs. Leroy Bass and family were welcomed into the North Central Association. Pastor Bass will take up his duties as full-time pastor of the New Auburn Church the first of December.

Sunday morning the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Conference president, spoke of Conference plans and enlarged on his theme of "Far Better Men."

It was voted to compile a list of Lone-Sabbathkeepers in the area served by the North Central Association. The Involvement and Encounter Committee will then make arrangements for a semiannual visit to these persons by a pastor from the Association.

The officers for the Association are:

President: Norman Burdick, Milton V.-Pres.: Milburn Jones, Battle Creek

Secretary: Thelma (Mrs. Lester) Hurley, Milton

Treasurer: Gladys (Mrs. Arthur) Drake, Milton

The North Central Association will convene in Milton, Wisconsin, October 10, 11, and 12, 1975.

ORGAN REDEDICATED

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— At our Sabbath Eve service October 4, Jonathan Curtis, Dennis Paquette, Patricia Walters, Antoinette Duryea, and Marjorie Bladon were baptized. Four of them were received as members October 5. Mrs. Bladon, like Mrs. Bettie North, is a lifelong Christian who was baptized as an infant. Including our ten New York City members, we now have a total of 114. The Board of Deacons and Elders voted to make the Rev. Socrates Thompson, of New York City and Jamaica, an elder.

On Laity Sabbath, October 12, Deacon John Bevis conducted the service with the topic "Jesus Is Coming Again." He was assisted by Mrs. Bettie North, Mrs. Kay Maltby, George Cruzan, and James Mayo. Special music was presented by Mrs. Hope Bevis, Mrs. Barbara Saunders, Mrs. Alice Parker, and Mike Parker.

On Sabbath afternoon, October 26, twenty percent of our congregation gave a pint of blood to the Plainfield Blood Bank, thus assuring that everyone in the congregation will be able to receive free blood during the next year. That evening a Halloween party was sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, who also served delightful refreshments after the organ recital the next afternoon.

Our renovated organ was rededicated at the inspiring recital by Mrs. Barbara Saunders, with many guests present. This was our first organ recital in many years, and it made us appreciate more than ever both our gifted organist and our splendid organ, which is eighty years old. The Rev. Albert Rogers and Douglas Wheeler recounted the history of our church building and organ, which were originally dedicated in 1893. Pastor Herbert Saunders offered the rededication prayer. A reception for Mrs. Saunders followed the recital.

—Ruth Parker

S. C. S. C.

SCSC deadline for applications is February 15, 1975. If you are interested in serving on a team or in hosting a team now is the time to act. Send your letter to:

**Rev. Alton L. Wheeler
P. O. Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061**

—Don't delay!

PETTWAY SPEAKS AT SALEM

SALEM, W. VA.— The Salem church was happy to have the Rev. John Pettway of Washington, D.C., with us for a weekend in September. Pastor Pettway conducted a seminar on Christian Education and spoke on Sabbath Day.

The church was very busy during the month of August as preparations were made for hosting General Conference at the college. We enjoyed having Conference here and trust that all who attended received a blessing. Since Conference our church has started several new projects. On Sabbath afternoons we now have choir and Youth Fellowship. We have a large number of college students attending church. Their active participation adds much to our church program. On October 12 they had charge of the service. The women of the church sponsored a Father-Son Banquet which was well attended. Pray for us that we may do God's will.

—June Kenyon

WANTED

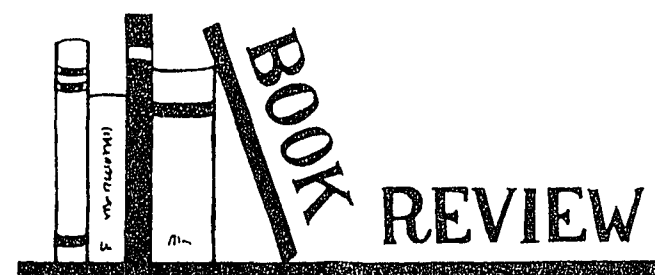
Elderly couple, Berkeley, Calif., desires housekeeper-companion. Live in. Salary negotiable. Please send references.

Write: The Editor,
P. O. Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS SCSC NEEDS YOU!

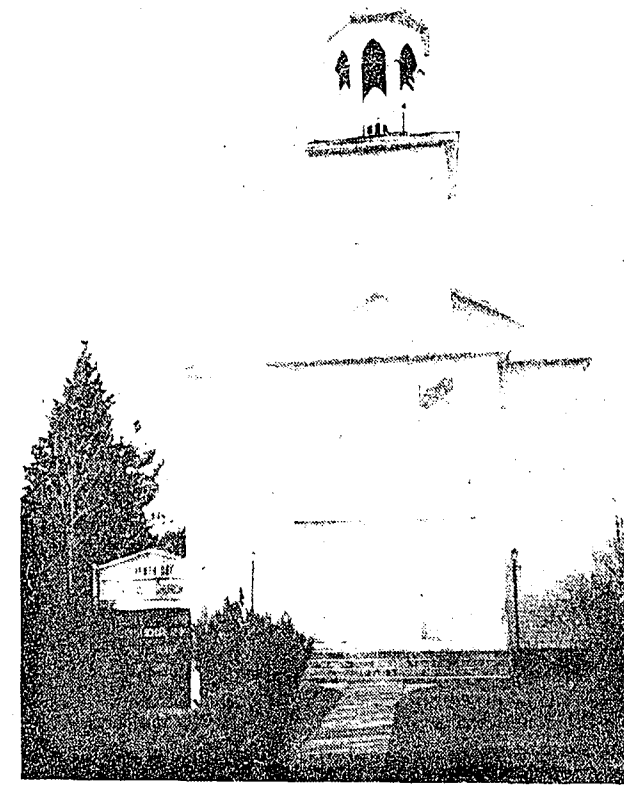
For information and application forms write to:

**Rev. Alton L. Wheeler
P. O. Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061**



Tramp for the Lord, by Corrie Ten Boom (Revell, \$5.95).

This is a sequel to the best-selling *The Hiding Place* which no doubt many of our subscribers have read. This new book tells of Miss Ten Boom's worldwide ministry for the Lord since her release from a Nazi prison camp. — jb



DeRuyter, N. Y., Church

ACTIVE PROGRAM AT CENTRAL NEW YORK CHURCH

DE RUYTER, N. Y.— Warm greetings are sent to you from the brothers and sisters in DeRuyter. This summer and fall we have been blessed with fellowship, teaching and studying, and worshipping our Lord in the following variety of ways.

Both summer and fall started out with our New York Central Associational meetings. De Ruyter joined our fellow brethren in Brookfield and Leonardsville for the spring meeting. Secretary Wheeler inspired us with information and slides concerning the trip around the world of which he was a part. He and Larry Graffius challenged us to be more aware and involved. The fall meeting held at Verona was part of a missionary emphasis program with Rev. Leon Lawton as our guest speaker. We were asked by him to think of a friend or neighbor and be ambassadors for Christ in speaking to that person. Again the young people enjoyed the fellowship, teaching, and fun of Larry Graffius and gang.

A direct result of the spring Association was a youth retreat hosted by the Verona group at Oneida Lake. The theme of "Unity" was used and was developed in the studying of the Book of Philippians. We especially thought about the unity of spirit as the associational youth group. One tool used to enlarge upon the theme was the writing of a will by each camper of his

ten most important possessions and willing them to other members of one's discussion group and telling the reasoning behind his decision.

The enthusiasm arising from the unified youth demanded more action toward more fellowship. Therefore in September after the busy time of Pre-Con and Conference, our De Ruyter youth hosted a spiritual retreat at Chittenango Falls. Based on the theme "The Power of God," we delved into a few of the miracles of the Old Testament. It was also brought home to many of us of how often we limit God's Power and yes, even fail to recognize God's power in our present situation. We need and must develop a depth to our awareness to enable us to worship our Creator and Guide more fully.

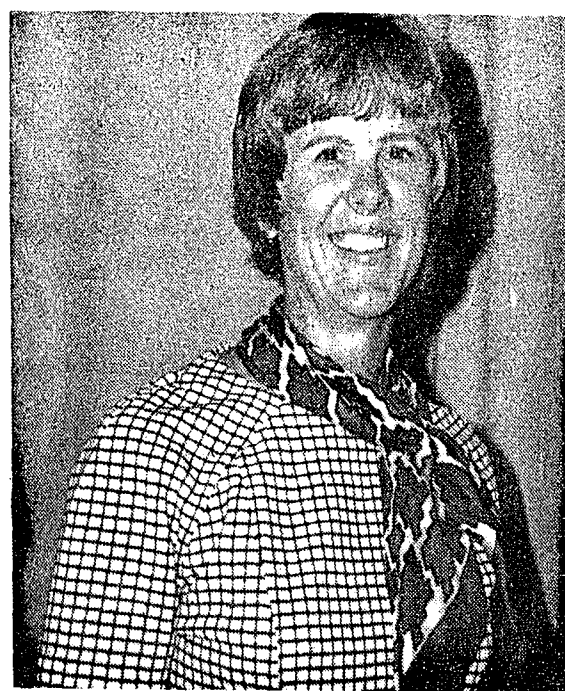
For our Sabbath services the laymen of the church volunteer to lead us. This has been meaningful to us for it has opened our eyes to many views, new insights, new facets of personalities, and deeper Christian relationships. We have also joyfully called on the spiritual leadership of local pastors.

As to activities, this summer we have started a Wednesday night Bible study as well as a Sabbath morning prayer group. How rich is the fellowship with God and man when we set aside these times to worship, study and share. Fellowship dinners also provide added joy. One of our young people and a friend initiated a prayer group at school. It began with much enthusiasm on the part of the students, but has since dwindled in numbers. This is a special area of prayer concern for our church members. Won't you join us in remembering this to our Father? Another joy some of our church members shared was that of joining the Light Bearers in worshipping in song at West Eaton Baptist Church.

Working together on a church work project is another important means of growth and fellowship. This fall we took paint brushes in hand and covered the church with a coat of white. While we worked on that we also covered the parsonage porch.

We joyfully welcome Wesley Greene, a student at Cornell, and a member of our Berlin church, as an associate member of our own church. He has been actively involved for some time now and it pleases us that he took this step.

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS SCSC



Mrs. Gerry Van Dyke

Last year, when Myrna Cox asked me to be chairman of SCSC for the Women's Board, I was most hesitant to accept for a number of reasons, but two stand out in my mind as I reflect back over the wonderful experiences of this past year. The first reason was, I was not sure how confident I was in the program, and as a consequence, what kind of chairman would I be? and the second was, could you put a totally spiritual meaning into a program and make it work — have it be beneficial to both workers and projects? I accepted the chairmanship, but not without doubts and misgivings. I also accepted with the idea in mind that we might consider putting some concrete goals into the program, such as some social action activities, or possibly physical accomplishments, painting, typing, doing church and camp repair work, etc., so that people could actually see what SCSC workers were doing.

I thank God for many people who have had the true vision of SCSC, and resisted me firmly, but lovingly. I also thank God for nudging me in the right direction, for letting me be an active participant in such a fine program. I have made the wonderful discovery that when I put Christ first in my life, everything else falls into place.

SCSC is designed to give young men and women the opportunity to serve God wherever He leads them. It gives them the chance to be totally dependent on Him for almost everything. The more receptive they are to His leading, the more joy they experience. The more they resist and try to do it on their own, the more difficult the summer becomes.

SCSC is also designed to give every church in our denomination

the opportunity to use the talents and abilities of our young people, and to share their needs, their concerns, their faith, and their lives with our young men and women. The benefits that can come to your church and community by planning for an SCSC team are limitless. It can be the beginning of new spiritual growth for all who participate. If some in your church have been toying with the idea of asking for a team, get together now and plan goals you would like to see attained for your church, send in your application, then get to work praying for dedicated workers and the funds to make these goals a reality.

If you are a high school graduate, and in good health (because the schedule is rigorous), and anxious to have a new dimension in your life, new excitement that lasts forever, and a joy beyond compare, then join SCSC and let Christ give meaning to your life.

I'm sure as God looks down on what has happened in the lives of our dedicated workers, project directors, church members who have given so lovingly of their money and time, the teaching and training staffs, the host churches who have provided sites for our training and evaluations, He must surely be filled with joy.

As you can plainly see, SCSC has become a very meaningful part of my life. I want each of you to share in it in your own way. And everyone in our denomination can have a part in SCSC. The choice is yours.

I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to Him. (Ephesians 1:18) □

—Gerry Van Dyke
SCSC Chairman

TRACT BOARD PLANS ITS WORK

Margaret W. (Mrs. Phillip D.) Van Horn was elected treasurer of the Tract Society at its annual meeting September 15, succeeding the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel who has moved to Alfred Station, N. Y. Charles H. North was reelected president for his eighth year of service. New board members include Patricia (Mrs. George) Cruzan, Ringoes, N. J.; Hope (Mrs. John) Bevis, Plainfield, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Roslyn Harbor, N. Y., and Glen W. Warner, Ashatabula, Ohio.

Richard Shepard of Ohio and Gordon Lawton, Kansas City, Mo., were named to the list of board consultants at the October 20 meeting of the Tract Board. The standing committees were named to assume responsibility for the various areas of work. The board members stood in quiet tribute acknowledging the recent death of Clarence W. Rogers of Salem, W. Va., a friend of all denominational agencies.

Tract distribution is increasing according to reports of John D. Bevis, publishing director; and fifty libraries have requested copies of the book *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation* by Herbert E. Saunders. Transfer of the national SDB mailing list to the publishing house was noted. Mr. Bevis has shared in establishing the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in New York City in cooperation with Pastor Saunders and the Plainfield church. A fresh draft of Tract Society key worker responsibilities was adopted, and field trip plans of the director in January and February were approved.

Appreciation has been expressed to Sharon Ayars who chaired a standing committee until she moved from the area, and to Gordon Lawton who was special service worker in the sound studio and publishing house until recently. The board appreciates the faithful service of the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel during his work at Plainfield and regrets that Ray Froding and Douglas Wheeler have resigned from board membership. —ANR □

CHRISTMAS

(Continued from page 7)

"Have you forgotten the young man who wanted to keep company with the followers of Christ and the Christ told him to get rid of his riches and give to the poor?"

"Now let me have a word," said a burly man as he moved to the front. "If we continue with this kind of nonsense we are all going to be ruined. I represent the liquor dealers of this city. The newspapers say we cannot say 'Christmas' in our ads for our beautifully packaged wet goods in handsome decanters. Can't people be full of cheer on Christmas?"

"And you think Christ should be made a partner to what will be reported the day after his birthday is celebrated — immorality, crime, death on the highway, sorrow, and guilt?"

"You're talking of peanuts," said a third man. You lose some, you win some. But if I don't pull my scheme off I lose everything. I've got a Christmas cruise to advertise — a Christmas Singing Singles blast. I've just got to use the Christmas gimmick — nothing else will do the trick."

"Christ, then, is to be your co-host at an extended orgy? Did he not take Mary Magdalene out of the Swinging Set? Did he not say, 'Blessed are the pure in heart'? Did you consult him before you made your plans?"

Just at this moment Mr. Smith awakened with a start. His office was dark, the store below his window was dark. He had slept through closing hour. He aroused himself and went home. He spent a restless night with his mind busy on many thoughts.

The next morning, Mr. Smith entered his store with less than his usual aggressiveness. He greeted the employees rather absentmindedly. He sat at his desk for a long while staring into space. Then he reached for the phone and asked that Abernathy and the merchandise manager be sent to him immediately.

When the two men hurriedly entered, Mr. Smith inquired, "Abernathy, those signs I ordered — are they up?"

"Well — no, that is — we are working on them," stammered the

advertising man.

"Good," said Smith. "Now you two come with me."

At the Cosmetics area Mr. Smith said to the merchandise man, "You know the old stuff that's here. Put it on a separate table. Mark it down in price and indicate that it is outdated."

In the Toy department, Smith's orders were that all of the war stuff be taken away and junked, and that the educational toys be stressed along with games and other wholesome playthings.

And in Jewelry, Mr. Smith told Abernathy to make a sign stating that "It is not the value of a gift, but the love that goes with it that counts — spend wisely."

Such were the instructions of the merchant as they went from spot to spot. Finally, "And Abernathy — none of those big Christmas signs at all. Use the best of judgment when you use any Christmas sign — be sure it is in keeping with what Christmas really is." The two employees went off to do Mr. Smith's bidding astounded but strangely happy.

Now, it would be unbelievable to say that Mr. Smith did not suffer as he made the decisions about his revised Christmas promotions, nor that he welcomed the possibility of losing money. And he did wonder whether or not White, Davis, and the Emporium would not take advantage of him and get most of the trade. Yet, as it was with Abernathy and the merchandise manager, he had an inner peace not known before.

Before the day was over, Mr. Smith called his bookkeeper and asked him a question.

"How did that Christmas memo to employees read — the one that was to go into the pay envelope at the end of the season and the year?"

The employee knew the memo by heart, "Due to adverse business conditions our store must be very careful in conserving financial assets this year in order that all of us will have jobs next year. Therefore, we know you will understand why the customary Christmas bonus cannot be given."

"Change that," said Mr. Smith. "How about this?"

"Due to adverse business conditions, the store must be wise in its financial transactions in order to insure our jobs for next year, but we are making the Christmas bonus just as generous as we dare."

"Let me see last year's financial statement and this year's up-to-date and I will let you know the amount of the gift."

"Yes, sir, oh, yes, sir. Just as soon as I can," promised the bookkeeper. And when he got back to his cubicle he phoned his wife — they could count on a good Christmas after all.

That night on his way home, Mr. Smith went around to the address that he had remembered in his dream. And there was a church there. He opened the door and looked. No receptionist. He entered and looked down the corridor — yes, there was a room; the door was open and a man could be seen at a desk, but it was not the person of the dream. Mr. Smith stood there for a moment, then surprised himself by going into the sanctuary to sit quietly for a few moments in a spirit of deep meditation. □



PIONEER EDUCATION

(Continued from page 19)

land states. Then he returned to Alfred and was graduated in 1862. (She turns to the letter.)

He writes further, "The world has need of all its creatures. Society will call each to duties and try whether they may be depended upon. No talents need lie unimproved. Can I do what I am called to perform, I can hardly hope with my defects to meet the wants of those who need me. Yesterday in West Union the county superintendent and other school officers with Col. Neely spoke to me of taking charge of a high school in that place. I only wish I were fit to do so." Dear boy! Now that father and mother are gone he has no one to encourage him. But he will be busy. He continues:

"The changes brought by the war are great — great to the nation, much to our people, to our neighborhood, to our family, much to me. We are blessed with peace, a glorious peace to the nation. Our people are encouraged to hope that the cause of truth as set forth in the Fourth Commandment is gaining ground. In this neighborhood a Sabbath School started last winter, though small, has constantly prospered — started in winter it did not die with the summer's growth. We feel that children can be taught of Jesus as well in winter as in summer, and that their souls are as precious in January as in July."

("Glory! glory, hallelujah" is heard in background as Esther leaves platform.)

Preston Randolph, despite physical handicaps and continued poor health, taught twenty years in the select or subscriptions schools and in the public schools of Harrison, Doddridge and Ritchie counties of West Virginia. From his experience at Alfred he organized Sabbath Schools in the churches and schoolhouses, with training institutes held in many places. He helped introduce singing into the church services as well as in the Sabbath Schools and singing schools. And with the help of the Rev. Charles A. Burdick, home field worker for the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, he succeeded in obtaining from the West Virginia legislature



Mr. Owen Probasco

a charter for Salem Academy, serving as its principal for some time. This had been the dream of his father, William Randolph, before him; and of many others.

The list of those who developed Salem Academy into the Salem College known today is too long to be repeated here. For a time classes were held in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Southeastern Association, with member churches at Lost Creek, Middle Island, Ritchie (Berea) and Roanoke, gave strong support even beyond the mountains.

Preston Randolph has been called the "most potent educational factor" in the development of much of West Virginia. □

A LASTING CHRISTMAS

I keep a part of Christmas
For it helps to add a glow,
To the January darkness
And the February snow.
If March is cold and blustery
And though April brings us rain,
The peace and warmth of Christmas
With its happiness remain....

There's a beauty when it's Christmas
All the world is different then,
There's no place for petty hatred
In the hearts and minds of men.
That is why my heart is happy
And my mind can hold a dream,
For I keep a part of Christmas
With its peace and joy supreme.

Garnett Ann Schultz

PROBASCO HEADS MEMORIAL FUND

Owen H. Probasco of Bridgeton, N. J., was elected president of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund at its annual meeting November third. He succeeds Clarence M. Rogers who died unexpectedly in October.

An active member of the Shiloh church as deacon, Sabbath School teacher, Building Fund treasurer, and a member of the choir, Mr. Probasco was graduated from Salem College in 1953. He is senior supervisor of computer operations of E. I. Dupont de Nemours, Deepwater, N. J. A trustee of the Memorial Fund since 1968, he is a vice-president of the American Sabbath Tract Society and is vice-president of the Hopewell Township School Board. His wife, the former Ruth Ayars of Shiloh, and he are parents of four children. Two of their sons are presently enrolled in college, one at Salem College and one at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

A. Lyle Sutton of Greene, N. Y., was named to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Rogers. An active member of the Alfred Station church where he grew up, Mr. Sutton is employed in the Department of Transportation of New York State. He was formerly a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education which his father, the late Harley Sutton, served as executive secretary. He studied at Alfred University and the University of West Virginia and is a licensed professional engineer. His wife, the former Betty Pierce of Alfred Station, and he have four children.

The Memorial Fund trustees adopted a resolution of appreciation for the valued services of Clarence M. Rogers which went far beyond the call of duty and represented the Fund effectively in denominational and business circles.

Scholarships and grants to varied agencies were approved and loans were made to two churches. Time was also devoted to a review of the investment position of the Fund with representatives of investment counsel. □

Accessions

ALFRED STATION, N. Y.
Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Pastor
By Letter:
Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel
Jaunita (Mrs. Rex) Zwiebel

BOULDER, COLO.
Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Pastor
By Baptism:
Elmer Peil
Oma (Mrs. Elmer) Peil

DENVER, COLO.
Glen S. Douthit
Beverly Douthit (Mrs. Glen S.)
By Baptism:
Glynis Douthit

MILTON, WIS.
Rev. Earl Cruzan, Pastor
By Baptism:
Laura Schoonover

PLAINFIELD, N. J.
Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor
By Baptism:
Marjorie D. Bladon
Patricia Walters
Jonathan G. Curtis
Dennis C. Paquette

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.
Rev. G. David Oliver, Pastor
By Baptism:
Dawn Nusom
Colette McKernon
John Trembl
Marlene (Mrs. John) Trembl
Dorothy (Mrs. Charles) Waldron

SEATTLE, WASH.
Rev. Duane Davis, Pastor
By Testimony:
John S. Beattie
Mary Beattie (Mrs. John S.)
Debbie Perry
Randy Doll

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Rev. John P. Pettway, Sr., Pastor
By Testimony:
Kent Martin
Laura Lee (Mrs. Kent) Martin

Marriages

Meldrim - Baxter.— Harmon Meldrim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meldrim of De Ruyter, N. Y., and Deborah Baxter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Baxter, were united in marriage in the chapel of Andrews AFB, Maryland. The base chaplain officiated. In January they will both be attending the school at Potsdam, N. Y.

Botts - Campbell.— Randy Joe Botts of Madison, Wis., and Julie Ann Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Madison, Wis., were united in marriage at the Bethany United Methodist Church of Madison on Sept. 21, 1974.

Births

Bond.— A son, Ward Charles, to Philip S. and Janis (Skinner) Bond of Shiloh, N. J., on August 22, 1974.

Burdick.— A daughter, Tanya Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Scott C. Burdick of San Antonio, Texas, on September 16, 1974.

Saunders.— A son, Nathan Daniel, to Daniel and Jessie (Curry) Saunders of Clarksburg, W. Va., on October 19, 1974.

Obituaries

BOTTOMS.— Janice, daughter of Verne and Ethel Vorhees, was born in Cuba, New York, January 31, 1918, and died in the Brooks Memorial Hospital, Dunkirk, New York, October 16, 1974.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Farnham, New York; one son, Jack J. of Farnham; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Shirley) Horwood of Farnham; and Mrs. Robert (Sara Jane) Dahlgren of Williamsville, New York; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Wetherby of Weston, Massachusetts. There are five grandchildren.

Janice was the treasurer and one of the piano accompanists of the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Church. Her loyalty and devotion to her family and church were meritorious.

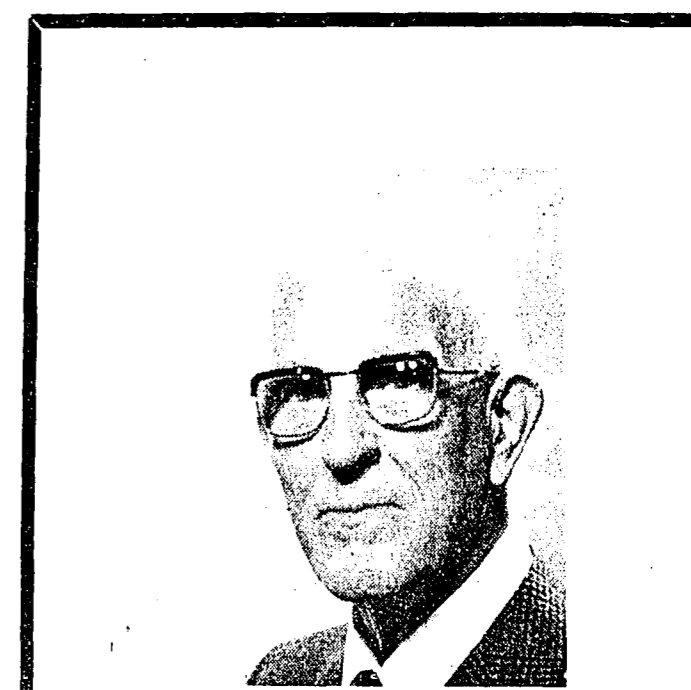
Farewell services were conducted by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel in the Heimburg Funeral Home, Angola, New York. Interment was in the Glenwood Cemetery, Silver Creek, New York, October 18, 1974. —R. E. Z.

NEW-DESIGN SABBATHKEEPERS' 1975 CALENDARS

The 1975 Bible Sabbath calendar is now ready for mailing to you and your friends. These beautiful calendars have the following distinction: The seventh day of the week appears in red instead of Sunday, the first day of the week. Space is provided for filling in times of Friday and Sabbath sunsets. The front is set off by a beautiful nature scene depicting a portion of the Creator's handiwork. Inspiring, educational, and important Sabbath truths appealingly presented on each pad.

Our low price this year, 75 cents each, with liberal discounts on quantities as follows: 10-49, 5 percent; 50-99, 8 percent; 100 or more, 12 percent. Order today while the supply lasts from:

The Bible Sabbath Association
Fairview, Oklahoma 73737



IN MEMORIAM GERBEN ZIJLSTRA 1895 - 1974

A Christian leader of international repute, Gerben Zijlstra, died in Rotterdam, Holland, on October 31, 1974, following a long illness. He was seventy-nine years of age.

G. Zijlstra came to Salem, W. Va., in 1964 for CoWoCo, the first world consultation of conferences leading to formation of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. From 1965 until his death he was a voting member representing the Holland conference and came to America again for its 1971 session. His counsel was often sought on European matters, and he made several visits to East Germany and Poland for the federation. A deep Bible student, he shared in editing the Week of Prayer booklet of SDBWF for 1967 and a Dutch periodical "Ons Anker."

Married to Jacoba Velthuysen, granddaughter of the founder of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Holland, Zijlstra was active in church youth work in his earlier years. He spent a few years in Colorado as a boy and was a student of American history. Survivors include his widow, two sons living in Peru and Canada, and a daughter, Els Zijlstra, a teacher in Amsterdam.

As secretary of the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Holland, Brother Zijlstra carried on much of the correspondence of the Dutch churches and pastors. He served as treasurer of the conference from 1919 to 1965. For the past five years he had collected Yearbook statistics of SDBWF member groups around the world. □

OWM BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER 1974

	Treasurer's October	Boards' 10 months	Boards' 10 months
Adams Center NY	\$ 58.18	\$ 770.44	\$ 70.00
Albion WI	360.50	621.21	125.58
Alfred NY	380.57	5,894.15	500.00
Alfred Station NY	90.00	2,384.67	30.00
Ashaway RI	70.00	3,807.54	425.00
Assns & Groups	903.36	859.79	2,945.03
Battle Creek MI	25.00	5,563.45	300.00
Bay Area CA	183.90	405.00	10.00
Berea WV	106.76	454.39	
Berlin NY	106.76	2,013.10	55.00
Boulder CO	55.00	1,178.85	490.00
Brookfield NY	100.00	570.25	82.50
Buffalo NY		950.00	
Dallas Fellowship TX			
Daytona Beach FL	10.00	1,485.75	110.00
Denver CO	1,068.77	6,916.70	260.00
DeRuyter NY		762.00	35.00
Dodge Center MN		3,097.73	70.00
Farina IL	57.25	516.96	35.00
Fouke AR	71.65	141.65	10.00
Hebron PA	75.00	1,281.40	95.00
Hopkinton RI		45.00	140.00
Houston TX	112.30	602.30	10.00
Independence NY	28.00	350.25	30.00
Individuals	60.00	1,707.30	770.12
Irvington NJ		2,000.00	200.00
Kansas City MO	54.42	865.12	110.00
Leonardsville NY		456.00	62.50
Lincoln Fellowship NE		150.00	50.00
Little Genesee NY	136.28	1,513.85	35.00
Little Rock AR	16.80	267.42	20.00
Los Angeles CA	450.00	5,383.42	1,295.00
Lost Creek WV		2,850.46	100.00
Marlboro NJ	795.47	4,178.47	100.00
Metairie LA		250.00	
Milton WI	1,239.57	12,023.48	865.00
Milton Junction WI	78.00	869.70	100.00
Monterey CA		450.00	
New Auburn WI	48.04	1,008.10	88.47
New Milton WV	50.00	555.00	
New Orleans LA			10.00
New York City NY	5.00	53.60	
North Loup NE	220.00	3,012.40	162.00
Nortonville KS	213.50	2,762.20	100.00
Ohio Fellowship OH	50.00	1,040.00	175.00
Paint Rock AL		891.55	147.82
Plainfield NJ	1,529.00	5,787.61	555.90
Putnam County FL		100.00	
Richburg NY	83.00	1,697.28	80.00
Riverside CA	536.00	6,237.00	80.00
Rockville RI	106.00	552.00	80.00
Salem WV	300.01	2,983.19	200.00

	Treasurer's October	Boards' 10 months	Boards' 10 months
Salemville PA		543.00	206.00
Schenectady NY		165.00	
Seattle Area WA	306.00	1,032.72	10.00
Shiloh NJ	686.65	10,064.04	180.00
Stonefort IL	30.00	450.67	20.00
Texarkana AR		90.00	20.00
Verona NY	241.00	1,795.38	50.00
Walworth WI		1,240.00	20.00
Washington DC		1,595.65	55.00
Washington People's DC			10.00
Waterford CT	183.25	2,125.57	90.00
Westerly RI		2,860.85	595.43
White Cloud MI	82.89	909.07	20.00

Total Budget\$11,257.12 \$123,189.68 \$12,491.35
Total Non-Budget .. 230.26

Total To Disburse ..\$11,487.38

OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 979.80
Council on Ministry	547.64
Historical Society	6.22
Ministerial Retirement	734.79
Missionary Society	4,449.26
Tract Society	1,441.02
Trustees of General Conference	17.98
Women's Society	146.27
World Fellowship & Service	254.40
General Conference	2,910.00
	\$11,487.38

SUMMARY

1974 Budget	\$183,650.00
Receipts for ten months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$123,189.68
Boards	12,491.35
	135,681.03
To be raised by December 31, 1974	\$ 47,968.97
Percentage of year elapsed	83.3%
Percentage of budget raised	73.88%
Ten months:	
Due	\$153,041.70
Raised	135,681.03
Arrears	17,360.67

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

C hildren's
P age

Go to bbah sta
Lshoco
adn
kurcch

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine.
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and Angels gave the sign

elth
nteros
toubu
suep

harse

el
dkni

The Stars tell you how
to make Christmas Love
grow all year long.
(unscramble the words.)
my clare.

pelh
nteros



Wild Country. An American boy hears the gospel from a young African. 16 mm sound, color movie. Across the African grasslands where lions roam and elephants trumpet

in the night, an American zoologist takes his wife and son on a research project. The boy makes friend with a pet cheetah, makes the acquaintance of a young Masai, and thereby becomes involved in a pulsating adventure. Though the gospel is clearly presented, the message emphasis is low profile, making this film ideal for use in specialized family night screenings. 30 minutes — rental \$25.

Strangers from Galilee. A 16 mm sound, color movie, designed for the entire family. A delightful story, interest-packed, and instructive. The family tours Israel as an adventure of faith, looking for deeper meanings beneath mere historical sites. 37 minutes — rental \$26.

These films may be rented from: Ken Anderson Films, P. O. Box 618 Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

MOON MISSION TO AMERICA

"I am your brain . . . the whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and subjugate the world." These are not the words of some strange creature from outer space, but rather, come from the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a fifty-four-year-old Korean evangelist.

Moon recently embarked on his "mission to America" by opening his campaign in New York City. His "landing" in Manhattan was well financed with a reported \$350,000 spent on advertising his one-night stand at Madison Square Garden. There he told a large crowd that "the time of the second coming of Christ is near, and America is the landing site."

Moon's religion is a strange mixture of the occult, Taoism, Christianity, and various other ideologies. Like most South Koreans he is extremely anti-communist and while in the United States is fond of peppering his speeches with quotes from the American founding fathers. This of course makes him acceptable to many including Seer Jeane Dixon who was present at the New York rally.

Those who attended the Madison Square Garden meeting were entertained by a colorful group known as the Korean Folk Ballet and listened to the music of Moon's New Hope Singers. During his two and a half hour address Moon asserted that the crucifixion of Jesus was "a mistake," and that a second coming is necessary to complete salvation. He urged the crowd to prepare to greet "the coming Messiah" whom he did not identify. By the time he finished his speech about a half of his audience had left the arena.

The main Christian opposition to the Moon effort came from a recently organized group of seventeen churches called "Christians United for the Lord." The group stated that it was improper for Moon to identify his movement as Christian. They sponsored their own advertising in the city and one of their tracts read: "Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior . . . Don't settle for Moonshine."

Time magazine discussed the interesting role of matrimony in Moon's theology: "The church's best-known practice is its arranged marriages, preferably in massive paramilitary ceremonies, after which the couple must not engage in sexual intercourse for forty days. Moon thinks that the

fall of man came when Satan seduced Eve. The first Messiah, Jesus Christ, had the major God-given task of finding the right woman and founding the Perfect Family. Since the Jews, according to Moon's teaching, "murdered" Jesus, and thus aborted that mission, Christ's death on the cross provided only a half-salvation." In view of his teachings it is most interesting to note that Moon himself has been married twice and according to some of his Korean opponents — four times.

False religious leaders with strong and well-nanced organizations are not a new occurrence. However, because of our modern system of communication it has become easier for them to get their message to the people and we all know the power of "repeat" advertising upon our society. As Christians we should be prepared for such "Moon Missions" and similar movements, and we should be able to discover their error by comparison with the Scripture. In fact Jesus himself warned us against those who would be so clever as to deceive the "elect" if possible. We read: "If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. False Christs and false prophets will arise and show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But take heed; I have told you all things beforehand" (Mark 13:21-23 RSV). That makes it very clear, doesn't it?

The false prophet comes disguised in "sheep's clothing" or else he would not be capable of deception. His predictions and proclamations contain just enough Scripture and truth to make them appear plausible. Therein lies the danger.

It was Hal Lindsey who wrote: "We are in a time of the greatest opportunity for service and the greatest possibility of peril. We need to snatch the opportunity and not get caught up in deception. We need to depend upon the Lord and to check out the Word. Only God's truth drives away error."

As Paul exhorted Timothy, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

Let us as never before become ardent students of the Word of God. The antidote for false teaching is God's everlasting truth. □

A little child . . .
A shining star,
A stable rude . . .
The door ajar.
Yet in that place . . .
So crude, forlorn,
The hope of all . . .
The world was born.



"There's no place like home for the holidays," so goes one of our contemporary Christmas songs. This year, no doubt, many of our readers will join the great American "migration" back home for the holidays. There is something extra special about being with family at this time of the year. We will be "winging" our way to Florida to spend a different type of Christmas in a land free of ice and snow with temperatures hopefully in the seventies or so.

We'll have turkey and Christmas puddings, there'll be a tree gaily decorated and poinsettias so tall that we can walk under them. Disney World will be an additional attraction, complete with thousands of lights and snowy decorations in an attempt to make one feel he is back in New Jersey or some other part of the cold "Northland." We'll have lots of fun, but most importantly, we'll be home with the family.

We'll celebrate the birth of our King — the King who came so long ago as a humble child and

who is coming again in the "fullness of time" as a conqueror over sin and death.

As we gather together with family and friends let us make this indeed a special time. Let us not get so involved in the "season" that we forget the "reason" for our celebration. The story of Christmas is a story of love and hope. It is the story of a small Babe and the promise of life to all who believe. It is a story so simple that a small child may understand, and so complex that scholars may study its implications for years.

Christmas should be a time in which we reaffirm our faith as we contemplate the great mystery of how God became "flesh" and dwelt among us. "For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Certainly He gave to us the supreme gift, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). □



Baptist Congress at Stockholm. The King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf (right), expressed positive interest in plans for the thirteenth Baptist World Congress when Swedish Baptist leaders met with him at the Royal Palace in Stockholm. David Lagergren, general secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union, shakes hands with the King while Erik Ruden, executive member of the Congress Arrangements Committee, and Erling Oddestad, president of the Baptist Union, join in the conversation. Lagergren invited the King to attend the Congress' opening session in Stockholm, July 8, 1975. Seventh Day Baptists will be represented by a delegation at this congress.



Give
a Holiday
Gift

It's time to start thinking about Christmas gifts again! This year, why not consider giving your friends subscriptions to THE SABBATH RECORDER? For the same six dollars you might spend on something that gets lost in the back of a drawer, you can guarantee your friend a whole year of good reading. We will be happy to send your friend a card indicating your gift. And while you're at it, this may also be a good time to renew your subscription for the coming year.

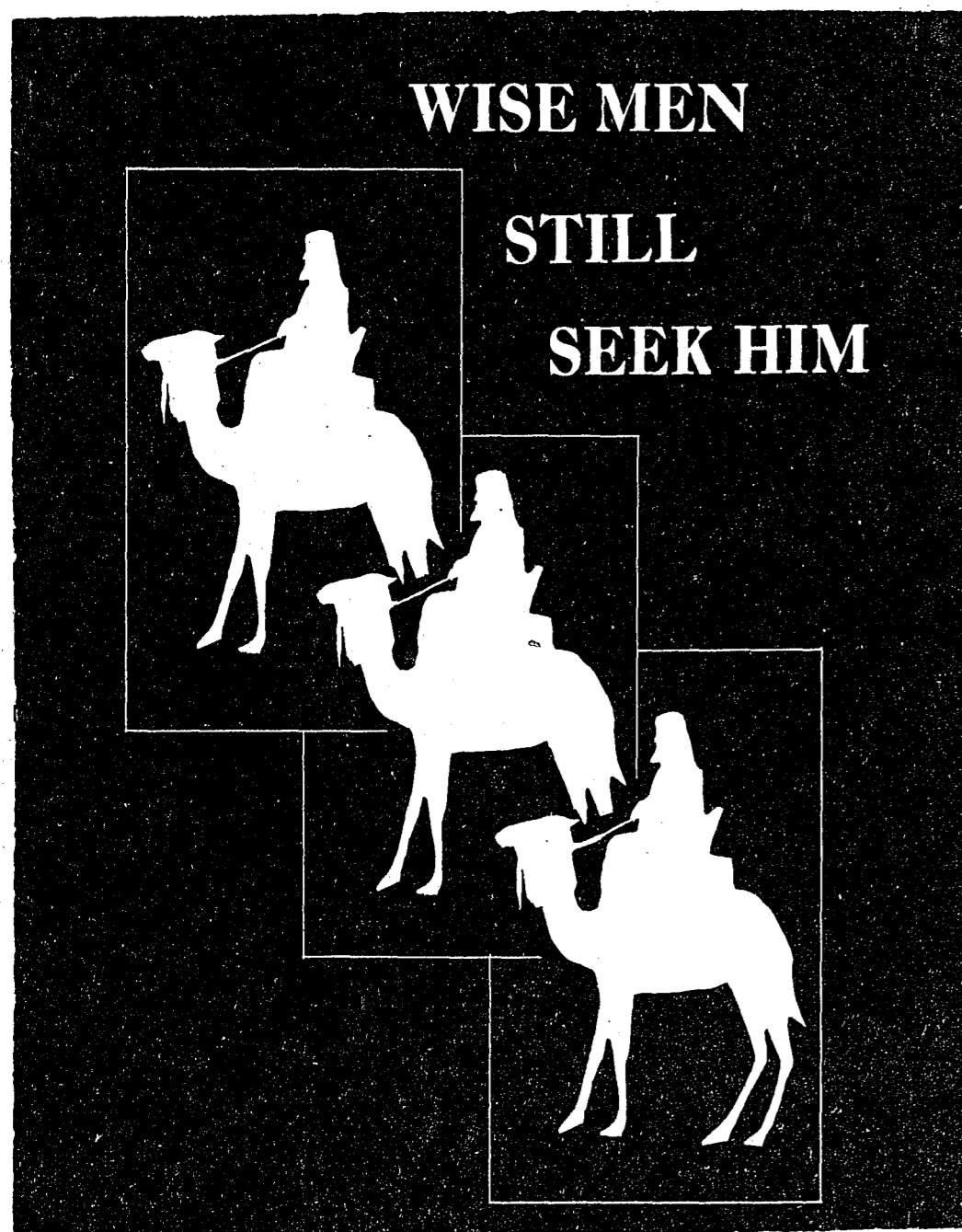
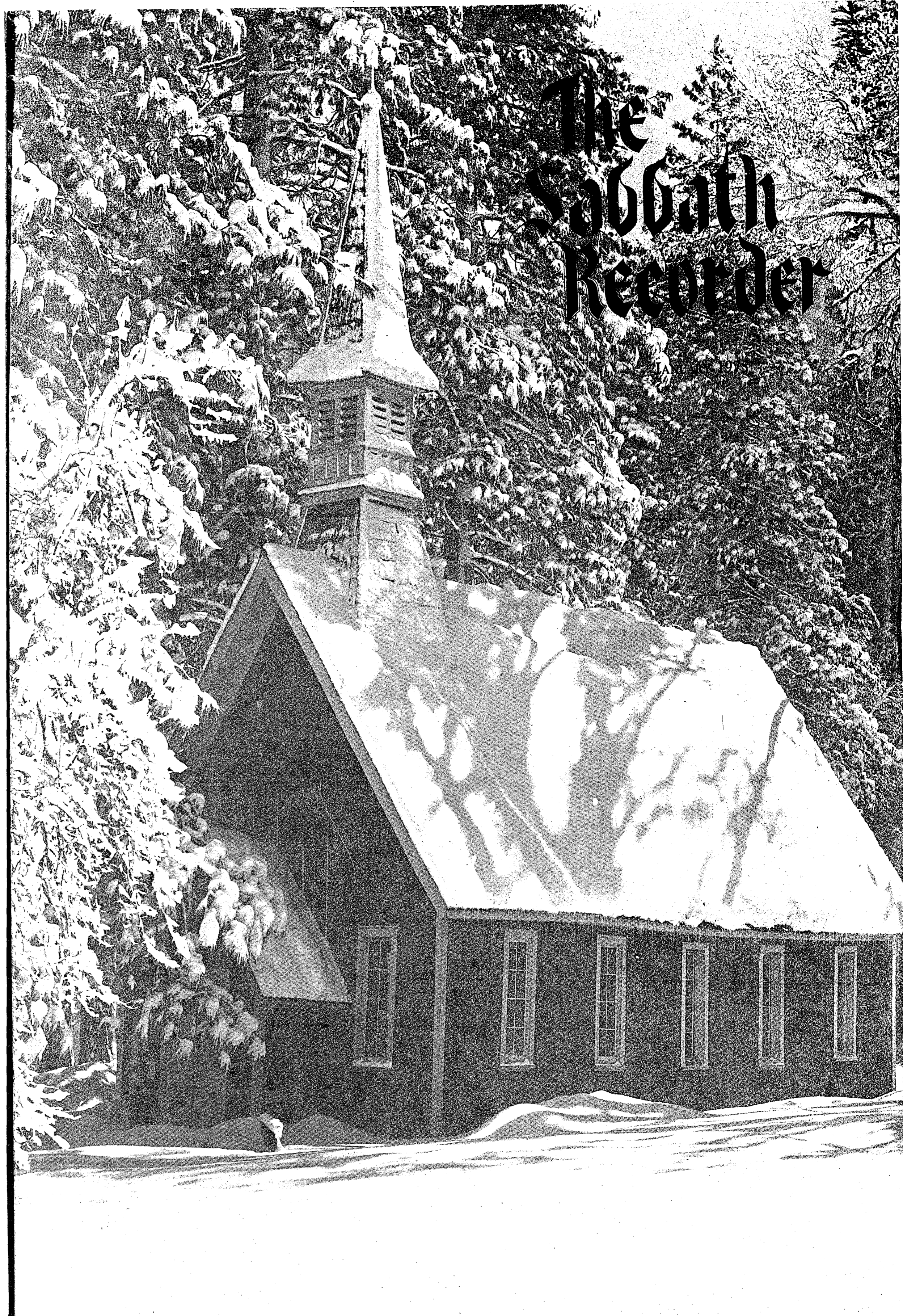


Merry
Christmas

The Sabbath Recorder
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Second class postage paid at Plainfield, N. J. 07061

975
MRS SYRIL R HURLEY
MILTON WI 53568



**DENOMINATIONAL
DATELINE**

- JANUARY 5 - 10**
Commission Meetings
Plainfield, N. J.
- JANUARY 12**
Memorial Fund Meeting
Plainfield, N. J.
- JANUARY 13 - 18**
North American Baptist Fellowship
and Toronto S.D.B. Mission
Toronto, Ontario
Rev. Alton L. Wheeler
- JANUARY 19**
American Sabbath Tract Society
Quarterly Board Meeting
Plainfield, N. J.
- JANUARY 17 - 22**
North American Baptist Fellowship
and Atlanta Area S.D.B.'s
Atlanta, Georgia
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
- JANUARY 24 - 28**
Seventh Day Baptist Churches
Boulder and Denver, Colo.
Editor John D. Bevis