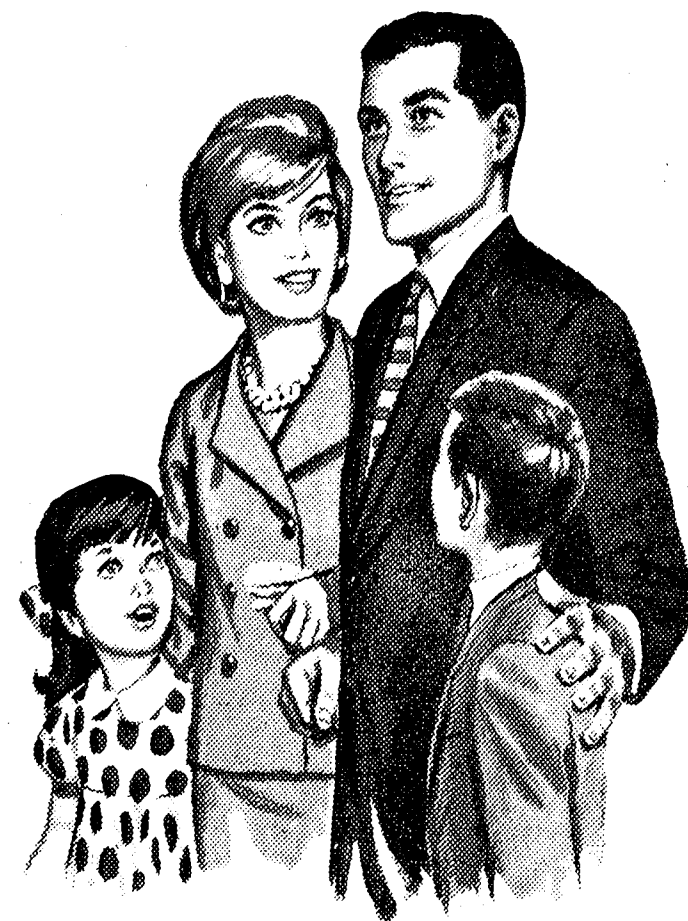


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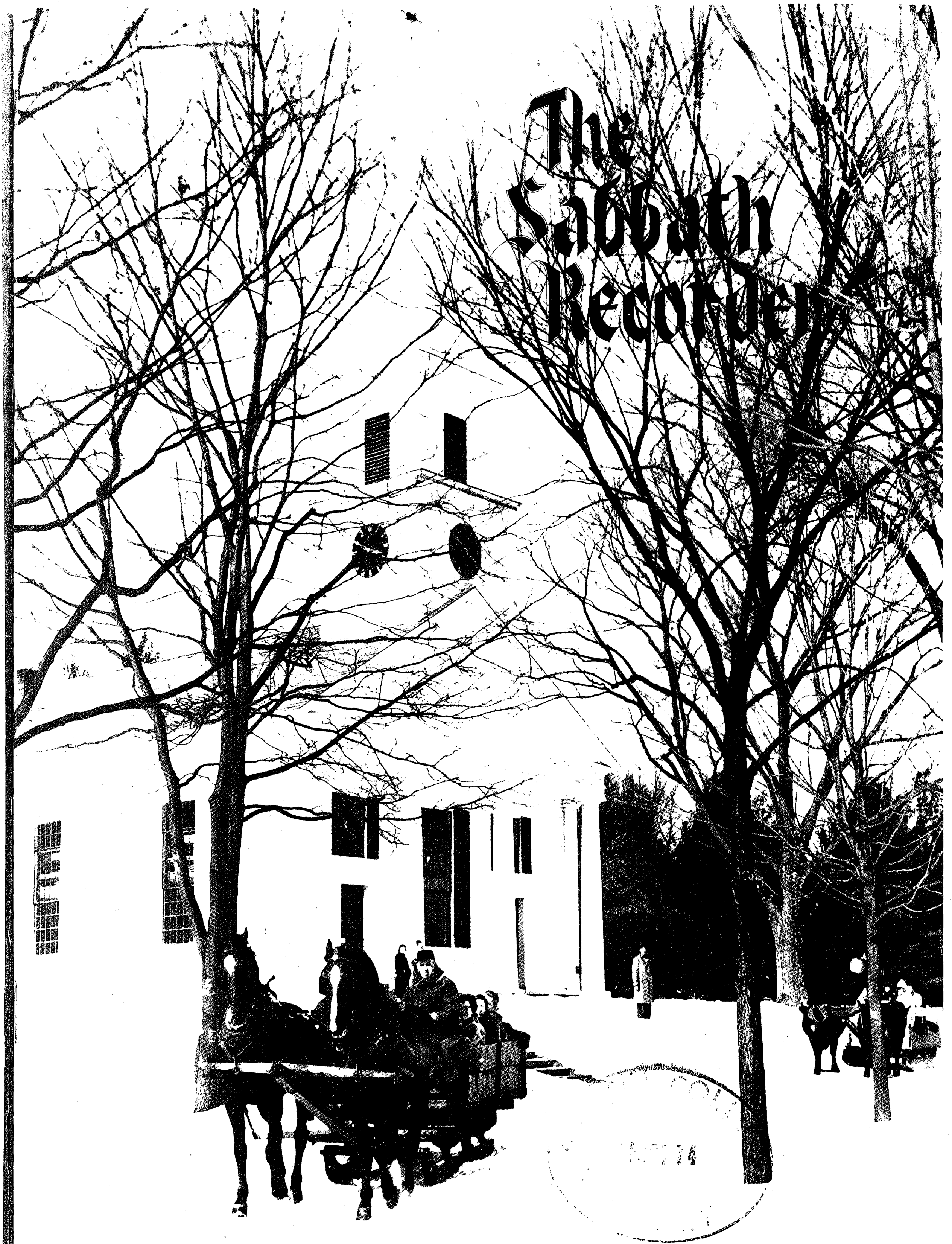
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SABBATH SECURITY

In the first court action it has undertaken to enforce the prohibition against "religious discrimination" in employment under the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit against the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for discharging a fireman who is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Salomen Zamora was dismissed in October for refusing to work on Saturday, his sabbath.

The suit asks that the city be ordered to reinstate Zamora to his previous position in the fire department with back pay to date of discharge, allow him to observe his sabbath in the future without loss of leave time or other penalty, and correct its alleged discriminatory practices with respect to all city employees.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Act was approved by the Congress largely due to the efforts of Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia. Senator Randolph is a member of the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

LITTLE THINGS CAN MEAN A LOT

This theme section was prepared in 1973 by Mrs. Gladys (Sutton) Randolph of Freeport, Ill., as a special issue. Since we no longer have the special issues, portions of her material have been used this month. We are sorry that due to lack of space we were unable to use all the articles submitted.

COVER

A team of horses pulls a sleigh full of worshippers to the chapel in Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. This mode of transportation may become more popular if our energy crisis worsens.

—Religious News Service Photo

NEXT MONTH

A special evangelistic theme section on the Sabbath.



Enclosed please find a check for a gift subscription. We enjoy the new Recorder style and we think our friend will too.

—Roy Langworthy,
Dodge Center, Minn.
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I am a true believer that quality education, publications, and information are the responsibility of every person and especially Christians. I am sure under your editorship the Sabbath Recorder will continue to present current and relevant trends and opinions and their effects on Christianity and particularly Seventh Day Baptists.

—Larry G. Brannon
Wheat Ridge, Colo.
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I shall miss the little weekly paper but expect the new one will more than make up for it. Please renew my subscription.

—Mrs. W. Sinclair Barker
Westerly, R. I.
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I am looking forward to the new monthly issue. In the past I would have missed the weekly issues, but now with mails so irregular the issues come at random. For example: received on Nov. 15 the issue of Nov. 3, and received on Nov. 16 the issues of Oct. 20 and Nov. 10.

—Trevah R. Sutton
El Paso, Tex.
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The new look of the Recorder is fantastic!

—Rebecca Bond
Galena, Ohio
* * *

The January issue is "a joy to see" . . . The new Recorder retains the intimacy and warmth of the old Recorder. But now it is more easily read and its expanded comment and photographs are certain to assure a ready acceptance. Its regular arrival at our home will bring a friend to visit and help us.

—Senator Jennings Randolph
Washington, D. C.
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I have long enjoyed the Sabbath Recorder, appreciating the editorials of the last editor as well as the articles and news. I anticipate with pleasure the continuing developments and innovations which have been promised, particularly the move to the larger monthly format.

—James Skaggs
Monona, Wis.
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The Sabbath Recorder with its noble history deserves this new look. We are delighted with it. May it symbolize a new outlook for the future of our denomination.

—Nellie Daland
Milton, Wis.
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Let me congratulate you on the new Sabbath Recorder. I like everything new about it and also appreciate your including some of my favorite features of former issues. May God richly bless all of you as you make further changes on our monthly publication which will make it more effective in the Lord's work.

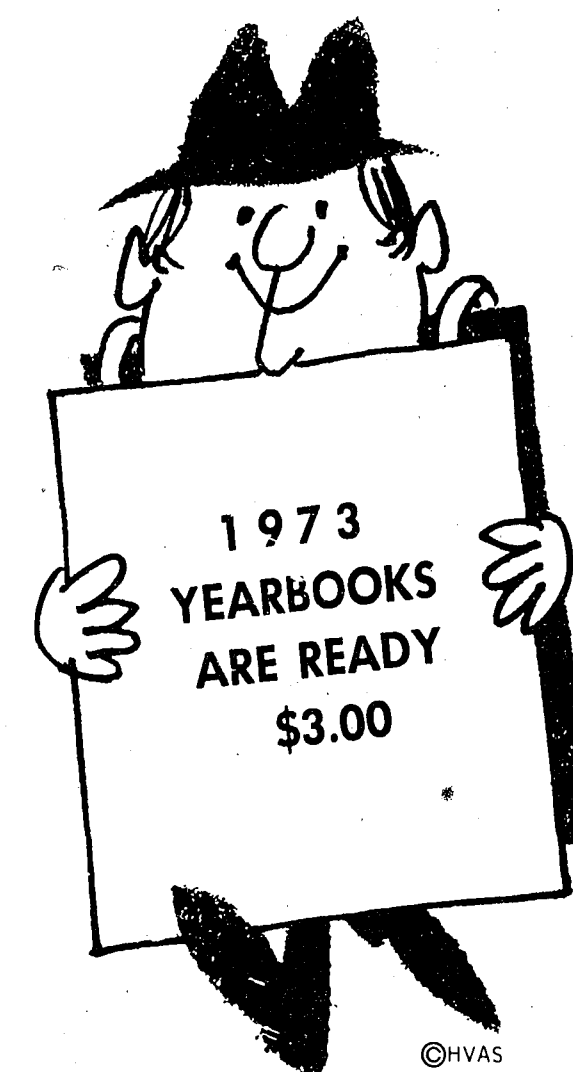
—Mrs. Clare Greene
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Brother Ernest Bond has suggested that the book of John be given devoted attention throughout this year . . . It struck me that the NEB has a different translation in John 4:9 than the King James . . . All of them have "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans," which seems contradictory with following verses. Does not Jesus go on talking with the woman and did he not stay two days at Sichar? The Greek has the medium form of the verb. Without the prefix we find the medium translated by "use" ten times. In order to show that the verb stands in the medium, it might even have been better to translate "avail oneself of." In fact the NEB does so, translating by way of explanation "do not use vessels in common," referring to the words of the woman. In my opinion, this rendering makes a more logical story.

—G. Zijlstra
Rotterdam, Holland
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I just received the new Sabbath Recorder and am fantastically happy with the change in format — a true denominational advance. My congratulations!

—Dr. Lewis H. V. May
Temple City, Calif.
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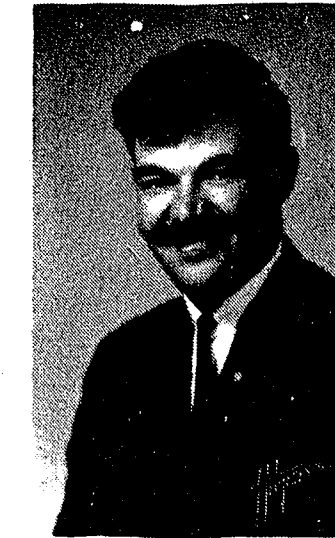
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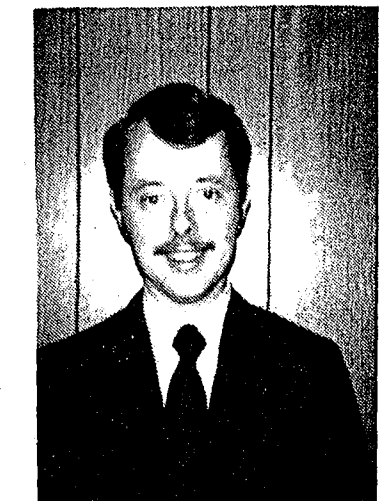
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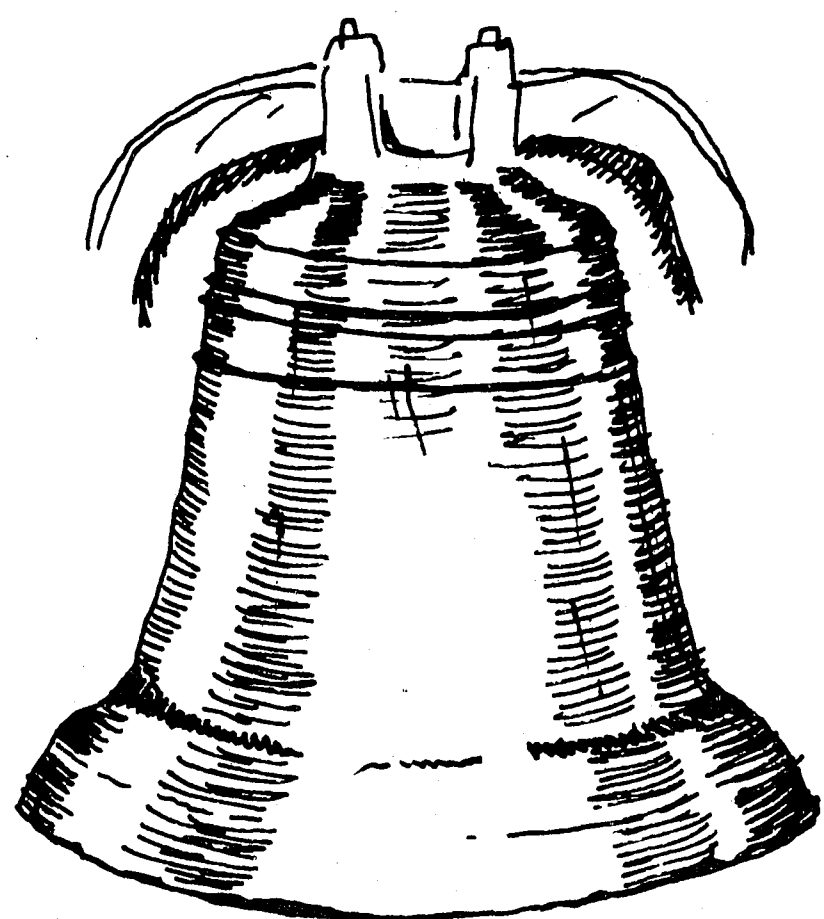
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THE TRENTON BELL



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Eleven young men of the congregation were called into service in the Union Army during the Civil War, one of whom came home sick and died on furlough and whose grave is found in the old cemetery there. As the war dragged on a house of worship was erected, the first in that area. Farmers volunteered their labor "after haying" and it was dedicated December 15, 1864. Baptism had been held through the thick ice on a nearby lake. Communion and preaching were held in the new church with music by a choir accompanied by a melodeon. Four days of special services were held to mark the occasion. The origin of the church bell is not known.

One of the schools established for the children of pioneer families was known as the John Ayers District, the Ayers (Ayars) family being among the first settlers. Burdick, Davis, Randolph, Shaw, Stillman and West are other well-known names found in the early records. History had been made when the Trenton church sent the first women delegates to the Northwestern Association (now Mid-Continent and North Central).

Cruel winters and difficulty in getting wood for fuel and lumber for

building made life hard then in Minnesota. In 1873 the celebrated Three-day Blizzard took many lives and increased the hardship by the loss of livestock. Old diaries of Luransa C. Burdick in the Historical Society reveal the loneliness and sacrifices common to pioneer life and the faith and dedication which kept people going. Desire for better educational opportunities led to the decline of the congregation in the 1890's.

Several outstanding leaders among Seventh Day Baptists came out of the old Trenton church. These include pastors, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw and Rev. George B. Shaw, and missionaries, Anna M. West who served in China from 1886 until her death in 1942 and her sister Mabel West who still lives at Milton, Wis. Dr. A. Lovelle Burdick, brother of Willard Burdick, was an officer of the Sabbath School Board and a trustee of Milton College many years. Dighton Shaw accepted a call to mission service but died before leaving for the field, and Carroll West who showed great promise was killed in action in France during World War I.

Claston Bond of Dodge Center, Minn., reflects in his lines upon the easy life of today compared with conditions as told him by his grandmother who lived in the old Trenton days. We are indeed, as he says, "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." □

I stood last night with our pastor
By a rusty old church bell,
If it could speak of its history
What a story for Christ it'd tell.

Its tones rang out so clearly
Across the virgin sod,
And sons who came to worship
Are known but to our God.

But hear the good old story
This ancient bell would tell,
That those old-fashioned Christians
Knew His Bible and knew it well.

They came on Sabbath morning
When six days' work was done,
In heavy old wool clothing
And mittens, all home spun.

They sat on hard old benches
Hand hewed from an old oak log,
They sang of "the old sweet story"
As their teams did homeward jog.

No hymnals had they then to use
Nor organ by which to sing,
Yet each one from within his heart
The melody did bring.

The building was in summer hot
In winter bitter cold,
Yet everyone came out, they say
Both young and very old.

Imperfect were these grand old saints
Their sins as yours and mine,
But each one knew within his heart
The Savior that is mine.

So let's rejoice this Sabbath morn
As humbly here we meet,
Some day those good old folks we'll know
As we sit at Jesus' feet.

In harmony together
We'll sing the grand old song
"Of Jesus and His glory"
As the centuries roll along.

May you and I this morning
Accept this wondrous truth
Of living now for Jesus
In old age or in youth.

The Bible says we'll stand some day
With the Father and His Son
We'll hear the precious greeting
"Come faithful — you've well done."



SOURCES FOR ENABLERS OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Did you notice in the symbol for this page that the fountain had more than one set of ripples starting out from its SOURCE? "Enabling the loving revolution" means that teachers and learners together share the grace of God in many ways that ripple out to others in our communities while blessing us.

"A CITIZEN UNDER GOD" — adult discussion course of 26 lessons that can be used in relation to uniform or other series as a very timely invitation to study Christian views of government and morality.

Basic source book by Prof. Harold Lunger of Brite Theological Seminary in Texas.

"Claims of God and Country, Our Responsibility to the Political Order, A Christian's Duty in Time of War, and Some Extreme Courses of Action," are chapter heads. History — contemporary and back to Jesus and the prophets — extensively illustrates possible views and action that Lunger believes workable for Christians.

A leader's guide prepared by Guin Tuckett and Herschel Richmond develops a variety of ways of dealing with the subject as presented in Prof. Lunger's book.

Published in 1973 and '74 by Judson Press, the student's paperback, 143-page book, and the leader's 64-page 8½ x 11" guide are the joint effort of Disciples of Christ, American Baptists, and Church of the Brethren educators.

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"ESCAPE FROM THE MONEY TRAP" — discussion course for older youth and adults, 26 sessions, but adjustable.

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The leader's guide, also prepared by joint Baptist, Disciple and Brethren effort, gives the challenge to lead persons to "freely choose real values in response to the love of God, to appreciate the values, to publicly acknowledge them and consistently act upon them." Then leaders are urged to enable learners using extensive Bible sources to move from diagnosis of economic values to solutions in "answering God's call to discipleship in the stewardship of economic resources."

Henry Clark as Duke University teacher and author on ethics and religion brings broad wisdom and experience to such topics as "Consumerism, the Yoke of Mammon; Christ and the Rich Young Nation; Why the Poor Stay Poor; A New Perspective for the Good Life—and A Time for Decision." He suggests ways the concepts presented may become living experiences, moving toward Christlikeness.

This adult study course, though basically arranged for Sabbath School format, could be used for retreats or evening course or other styles of learning fellowship. Films, books and agencies are listed in the leader's guide along with lesson planning.

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GOD'S SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH identifies a 60-page study book for the Acts of the Apostles, particularly related to development in the March-May 1974 Uniform Series of the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. Our *Helping Hand* lessons for March-May deal with Acts within this plan.

Richard Keach's clearly presented study of the Holy Spirit's work in the early church will supplement well the Seventh Day Baptist lessons prepared by Duane Davis.

Just as the Holy Spirit can burst in on a life to bring order, direction and meaning to that life so can the Spirit come to a church to enhance its mission both to its own members and to the world. Keach points out that "When the Spirit fills a life, he releases love in action which has no limits," illustrating with such examples as outreach from a church's Communion Services to undergird training for a mentally retarded child.

Keach is pastor of Central Baptist Church in Wayne, Pa., and is a curriculum writer for American Baptist publications. Pastor Keach invites study by describing Ananias of Damascus as "A Choice Enabler" for the lesson rather prosaically titled "The Importance of Supportive Roles." He also makes the Scriptures stand up and talk through paraphrases, free translation, bold-face excerpts in his text and clear examples from life today.

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Coming next month in "Sources for Enablers for Christian Growth" is a review of *Exploring How the Bible Came To Be*, a fifth and sixth grader's guide by the popular Paul and Mary Maves. Their third and fourth grader's self-instruction book on *Finding Your Way Through the Bible* has proved very helpful in several of our S.D.B. Sabbath Schools.

Also, "Christian Education in the Small Church" by Harold Davis as presented in the fall '73 *Spectrum* magazine for Church Educational Administrators (teachers, librarians, pastors, directors, superintendents).

Also, sources for evaluating commercial movies by parents or individuals.

Pre-Con

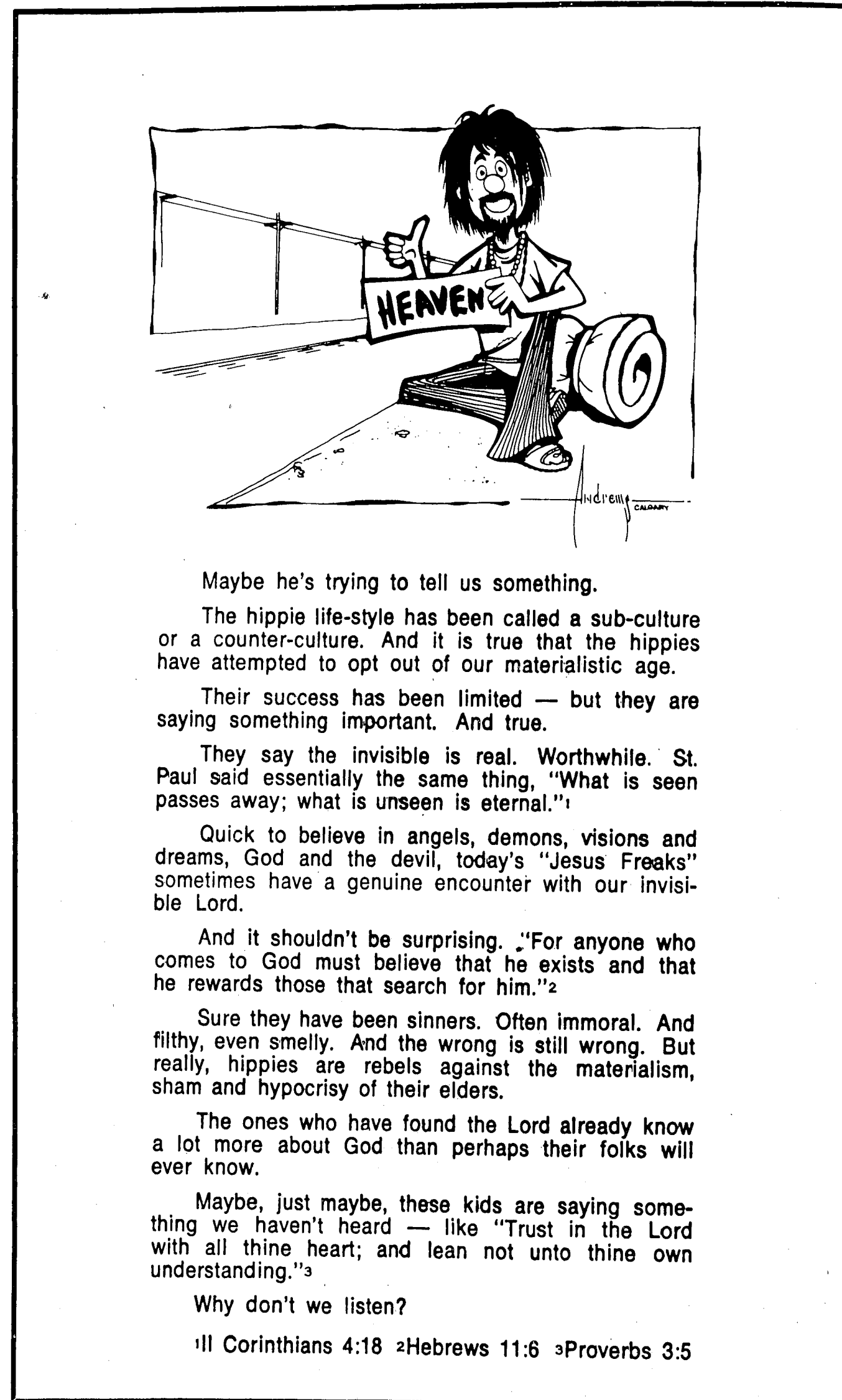
Alumni?

Who are they?

Jerry and Donna Van Horn of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church focalized the idea of a reunion of Pre-Con campers and staff for sharing memories and developments since being together at some previous Pre-Con.

Having had a good time renewing friendships at the Milton Conference in '73 when several "Pre-Con Alumni" got together, what better time and place could the Van Horns suggest than the next Conference?

But when you stop to think of it, Pre-Con Alumni (just from YOUTH Pre-Cons) could number around 500 if you start listing from the first formal session in 1940. Now, how do you anticipate a reunion? The 1973 informal reunion suggested a time-span be picked for each periodic reunion. Perhaps reunions of Pre-Con Alumni would be held every five years. No specific plans are laid out. But, for the 1974 Reunion, campers and staff from Pre-Cons of 1950 through '62



Maybe he's trying to tell us something.

The hippie life-style has been called a sub-culture or a counter-culture. And it is true that the hippies have attempted to opt out of our materialistic age.

Their success has been limited — but they are saying something important. And true.

They say the invisible is real. Worthwhile. St. Paul said essentially the same thing, "What is seen passes away; what is unseen is eternal."¹

Quick to believe in angels, demons, visions and dreams, God and the devil, today's "Jesus Freaks" sometimes have a genuine encounter with our invisible Lord.

And it shouldn't be surprising. "For anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those that search for him."²

Sure they have been sinners. Often immoral. And filthy, even smelly. And the wrong is still wrong. But really, hippies are rebels against the materialism, sham and hypocrisy of their elders.

The ones who have found the Lord already know a lot more about God than perhaps their folks will ever know.

Maybe, just maybe, these kids are saying something we haven't heard — like "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."³

Why don't we listen?

¹11 Corinthians 4:18 ²Hebrews 11:6 ³Proverbs 3:5

THANK YOU

The *Sabbath Recorder* would like to express appreciation to those who have shared their artistic abilities in the work of our printing ministry. There are several who have contributed to the artwork of the *Recorder* over the past few months. They include: Mrs. Pat Cruzan of Ringoes, N. J., Mr. Larry Graffius of Salem College, W. Va., and Mrs. Cindy Rudolph of Braintree, Mass. We invite our readers to submit artwork and photographs as we need to build up our files for future work.

THE RIP-OFF

Are You Aware?



"Stealing is stealing," Cherri thought, "no matter how those girls try to rationalize it. And why did I just sit there and let Fran tell me you don't get in trouble if you get caught? I've read of teen-agers being arrested for shoplifting, and then they have a police record. Those girls have let Donna talk them into doing something dishonest and dangerous. Why don't they stand up for what they know is right? Am I the only one who believes stealing is wrong?" A feeling of depression came over Cherri. She had always gone along with . . .

"This time," she thought, "I'll just have to buck the others and take the consequences." She knew

it wouldn't be easy. "I'll tell Fran tomorrow that I'm not going to do it," she told herself with as much resolution as she could muster.

(Later) . . . "You know I've had second thoughts about this too." (Fran)

. . . "I would probably never have had the nerve to tell Donna off if you hadn't taken a stand," Fran said . . .

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These excerpts from Cherri's tale of struggle with herself and her friends intimate some of the youthful confronting of a major American problem — shoplifting.

The January 1974 *Aware* youth magazine has two major articles on

shoplifting and its primary youth origin. Every person concerned to reduce — and cut off — the temptation to "rip off," to steal, should read this issue of *Aware* — and start living helpfully in light of these articles.

Pauline Guppy wrote "The Rip-Off" and Max Bunyan composed "The Name of the Game is . . . HONESTY."

This pocket monthly includes movie reviews each time, features on youth issues, plans for Baptist youth gatherings (as the World Youth Conference), youth poems and art.

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Marriages

Holmes - Wopat.— Larry Holmes, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Holmes of Janesville, Wis., and Ruth Ann Wopat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wopat of Pardeeville, Wis., were united in marriage on Dec. 22, 1973, in the chapel of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. Earl Cruzan.

McCrea - Reitnauer.— D. Wesley McCrea, 127 Stevens St., Wellsville, N. Y., son of Lloyd M. and Winnifred A. Saunders McCrea, and Suzanne Reitnauer, 169 River St., Hornell, N. Y., daughter of Charles R. and Ruth Hover Reitnauer, Sr., were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Hornell, N. Y., on Sunday, November 25, 1973, at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. Bradley T. Lines, pastor of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, friend of the groom.

Sheppard-Minch.—Donna Lucinda Minch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker Minch, Bridgeton, N. J., and Gilbert Edwin Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. David T. Sheppard, Cedarville, N. J., were united in marriage December 19, 1973, in the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church by the pastor of the groom, the Rev. Charles H. Bond. They will make their home at Cedarville, N. J.

Page - O'Shea.— Edward V. Page and Lois O'Shea were united in marriage on Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 24, 1973, at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Payne - Osborn.— Douglas Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne of Claremont, Minnesota, and Karen Osborn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Osborn of Nortonville, Kansas, were united in marriage at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 30, 1973. The ceremony was performed in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's father and pastor, Rev. Paul Osborn.

Burdick - Storms.— Bruce Allen Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick, and Patricia Marie Storms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kowal, were united in marriage Sunday, June 17, 1973, in the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, DeRuyter, New York.

Lowther - Polan.— Gene Lowther of St. Marys, West Virginia, and Carol Sue Polan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Polan of Blandville, West Virginia, were united in marriage on November 2, 1973. The candlestick service, performed by the bride's minister, Doyle K. Zwiebel, was held in the St. Mary's Baptist Church.

Randolph - Anello.— Robert Fitz Randolph, son of Winfield and Claire H. Randolph of Alfred, N. Y., and Lois Ann Anello, Bronx, N. Y., were united in marriage on December 15, 1973, in the Church of St. Clare, Bronx, N. Y., the Rev. Raymond T. Mauro officiating.

1974—A YEAR OF PERSONAL COMMITMENT



Senator Jennings Randolph

The New Year will be a difficult one for most Americans, but it can be a time of personal commitment to responsible citizenship and a rebirth of individual participation in worthwhile efforts.

We must work our way out of the fuel shortage and energy crisis. People will, I believe, cooperate in keeping our economy strong. As a rule, we have eaten too much, walked too little, and succumbed to apathy and complacency. I continue in the conviction that we will adapt to necessary changes in our economy. Adjustments are being made in our normal patterns of affluent living.

In 1974, we must regain the confidence and trust of one person for another. Government must respond to the people who are determined that huge expenditures be cut and that we emphasize our priorities here at home. We can draw back from spreading our resources too thin across the world.

Public officials, elected and appointed, must give to our country a leadership of integrity and initiative and inspiration. □

commission struggles with budget

Dr. Ted Horsley

The Commission of the SDB General Conference met in the denominational building at Plainfield, New Jersey, from Dec. 27 through Jan. 2, 1974. Commission meetings are rather unique and most sobering ways to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day — but who likes to watch football anyway?

The work of Commission deals with many specific items—a three page agenda — but in general it is concerned with budget and policy, trying to keep an overall view of the entire denominational program. This total perspective of the work is most important and cannot be expected of any individual or any board.

Trying to motivate toward a constantly expanding national and international program while having to balance a limited budget is a most demanding task. This effort produces a spectrum of feelings and reactions in the individual commissioners which is most intriguing.

Approximately two full days were spent evaluating denominational

structure and the needs for personnel. Flexibility to meet changing needs and a responsiveness to those needs are pressing problems. A constant reevaluation of executive function as compared to denominational requirements is vital.

Such discussion brings into bold relief what should be apparent to all — that is, that real results are produced only at the local level as our members are led by able pastors. Denominational structure, books filled with procedure, constitutions and bylaws, reams of paperwork; none of these are of any value except as they are helpful in promoting active, soul-saving, maturing programs in the parishes. The Women's Society's plan to actively participate in promotion of local programs is much appreciated.

Budget limitations continue to be a major concern and highlight our need to be a denomination of tithers. The most careful financial strategy cannot make up for that portion of the Lord's money which never enters His service. Commission is

most desirous for OWM to become a part of the regular budget of every church.

Conference plans are proceeding on schedule and the meetings in Salem should be a rewarding experience for persons of all ages. Several actions were taken to strengthen and streamline conference function.

Commission is enthusiastic about many facets of the work such as: the new *Sabbath Recorder* and other publishing plans; the ambassadorial visit of Pastors Alton Wheeler and Leon Lawton; and the efforts of the Planning Committee to work harmoniously and vigorously in leading out in the overall denominational work. A strong program of outreach at home and abroad is being emphasized.

The Commission sought God's leading in its week of strenuous work and prayed that He will bless the efforts of all our people to fulfill their role in His program for this world. □

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

URBANA

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Thousands of college age youth; winter vacation — the last five days of the year; yet gathering on a college campus, paying their room and board, with a vital purpose; coming from most States and Provinces (of Canada); rising early for breakfast, alone time with God, and group Bible study; listening intently to speakers from all over the world — Christian leaders and even three of their peers — for 2½ hours each morning and 2½ hours each night; flooding about 500 missionaries with innumerable questions;

clogging the huge armory visiting booths sponsored by mission agencies and seminaries; attending hundreds of small group topical sessions led by speakers, missionaries, Inter-Varsity staff; giving \$150,000 in cash and pledging \$40,000 more in support of international student Christian work; getting to know nationals from over 100 lands—mostly Christians now enrolled in North American Universities; singing their commitment and purpose as followers of Jesus Christ; affirming—“JESUS CHRIST — Lord of the

Universe, Hope of the World” (expressed in thirty languages on colorful posters).

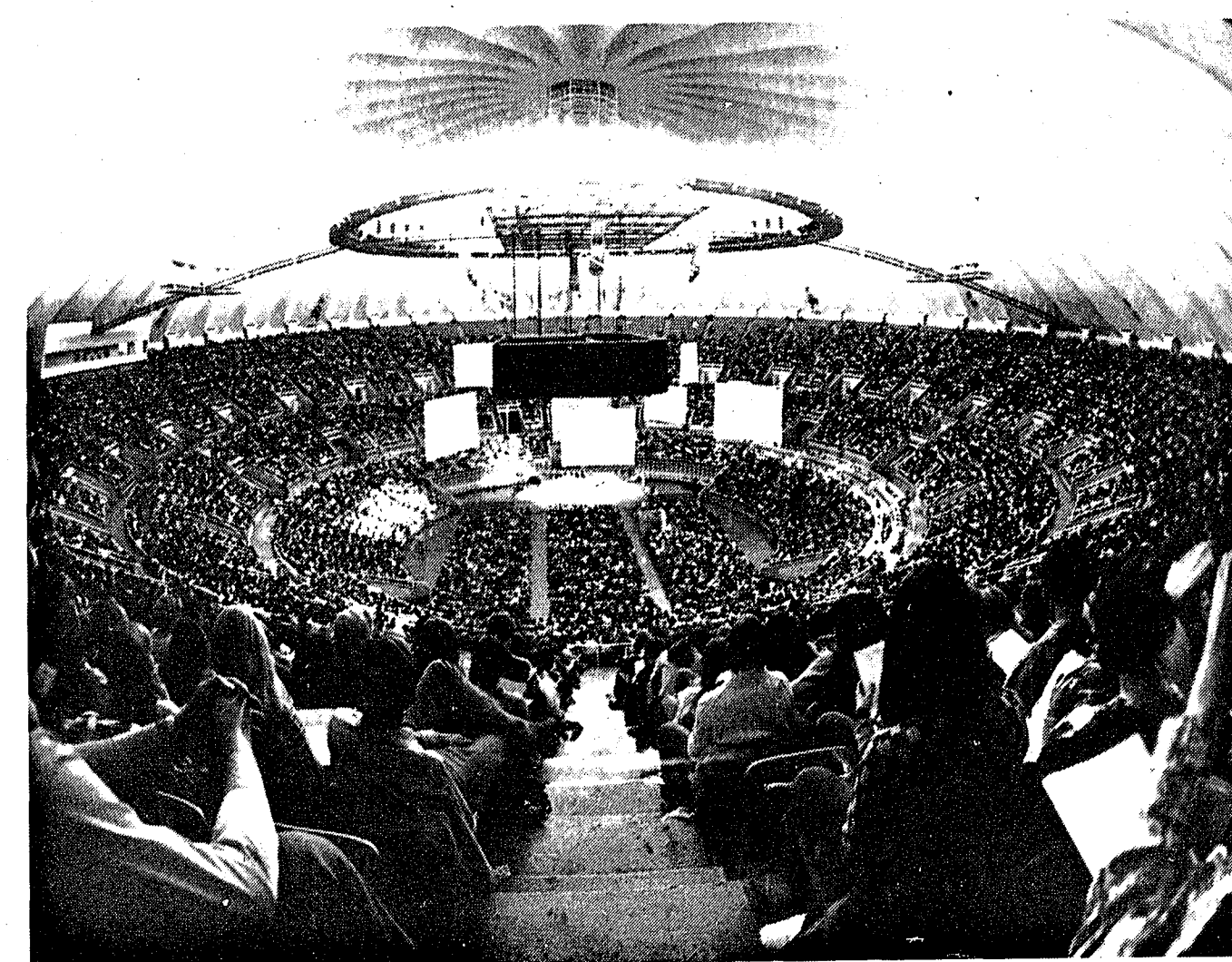
Over 14,300 attended. Many made commitment to become involved in active mission work overseas. Overwhelming support was given by most of the others to participation in missions — through prayer and giving and support of those who do go.

JOY! PURPOSE!
SEEKING! CONCERN!
KINDNESS! ENTHUSIASM!
CERTAINTY!
LOVE IN ACTION!

Seeing a Christian world view! Hearing, understanding and responding to the Lord's Commission. Asking, “How can I as a young person fit?” “What is God's will for my life?”

URBANA '73 — something that can be “felt,” “experienced.” Something to praise God for! All college age Christians should have the opportunity, the challenge, the uniting with others in such an event. Seventh Day Baptists were there. Your Mission Board booth brought some together. Facts were shared. Youth were pointed to His service and work.

How did you spend your first few minutes of the New Year—1974? Over 14,000, gathered in the Assembly Hall at Urbana surrounded the simple Communion tables, partook together the simple emblems, and showed as well as sang, “We Are One in the Spirit, We Are One in the Lord.” PTL. □



By Rev. Leroy Bass



Vacation Bible School Class

The year 1973 will be marked in our Guyana Conference as being the year we embarked upon the adventure of sponsoring three Vacation Bible School Day Camps, holding these in three areas of our country.

To carry out this program successfully, a key staff of six persons was elected to do the preliminary planning, preparations, and training of others to be on the larger staff.

The six persons on the key staff were Sisters Inez Peters, Cecilia Haynes, Pastor George Bowen, Missionary Leroy Bass, and two Hi-Teens, Ernestine Browne and Marva Edwards. These six leaders traveled out to the country districts.

Besides the six, about eighteen local-church persons in each area were given training to participate in the particular job they volunteered for.

Our three Vacation Bible School Day Camps were held:

1) In Georgetown, at our church, from July 23-28, with seventy-five children attending. 2) Along the Pomeroon River, at the Hackney Government School, from August 2 to 11, with 100 children enrolled. 3) At Dartmouth Village along the Essequibo Coast, at the Community Centre, from August 20-25, with 100 children enrolled.

We had a fourfold purpose in mind in conducting these: 1) To reach hundreds of children and youths in Guyana in a short time for the cause of Christ, and trusting to win some to Christ and baptism. 2) To demonstrate to many village parents the value of a Christian camping program so they will be more willing to send their young people to future youth camps. 3) To provide training and experience for the many church members involved on the staffs to see what a great work they can do for the Lord by all working together in teamwork and harmony, doing that

which suits each one best. 4) To bring encouragement and motivation and training to our rural churches to carry on their V.B.S. next year without the key staff so that we can return to the regular Youth Camping Programme.

The overall theme we selected was: "I Will Listen to God." We had a key verse for the entire weeks, taken from Deuteronomy 4:36: "Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline (meaning disciple) you."

It was my privilege to prepare skeleton outlines for our teachers, and give ideas on what to use for visual aids. The key teachers filled in the flesh on their lesson outlines, and they did a superb job teaching out in the field, and using the lovely visual aids they prepared.

One morning during our mission-story time, our Georgetown V.B.S. was privileged to hear from Misses Francis Tracy and Beverly Dawson, American Bible Translators from the Unevangelized Fields Mission. These two single ladies live among the Wapishaina Amerindians in the southern interior of Guyana, and they sang in Wapishaina and talked to us about their work of translating the Bible into the Wapishaina language.

Our crafts classes were blessed with talented people in each V.B.S. area, so that we had a variety of six to eight different craft classes going at the same time, using mostly locally obtainable materials.

Our V.B.S. Day Camp was a six-day program, we held V.B.S. in part on Sabbath Day. For one thing, we wanted to teach six Bible lessons, and another we wanted all those enrolled who were not from Sabbathkeeping homes to have a lovely taste of Sabbath observance, right in their own class they had been in all week. So our teachers and classes took the place of the regular Sabbath School that week.

We of course invited all these children to come back next Sabbath to another Bible lesson, and planned in this way to tie them in with follow-up.

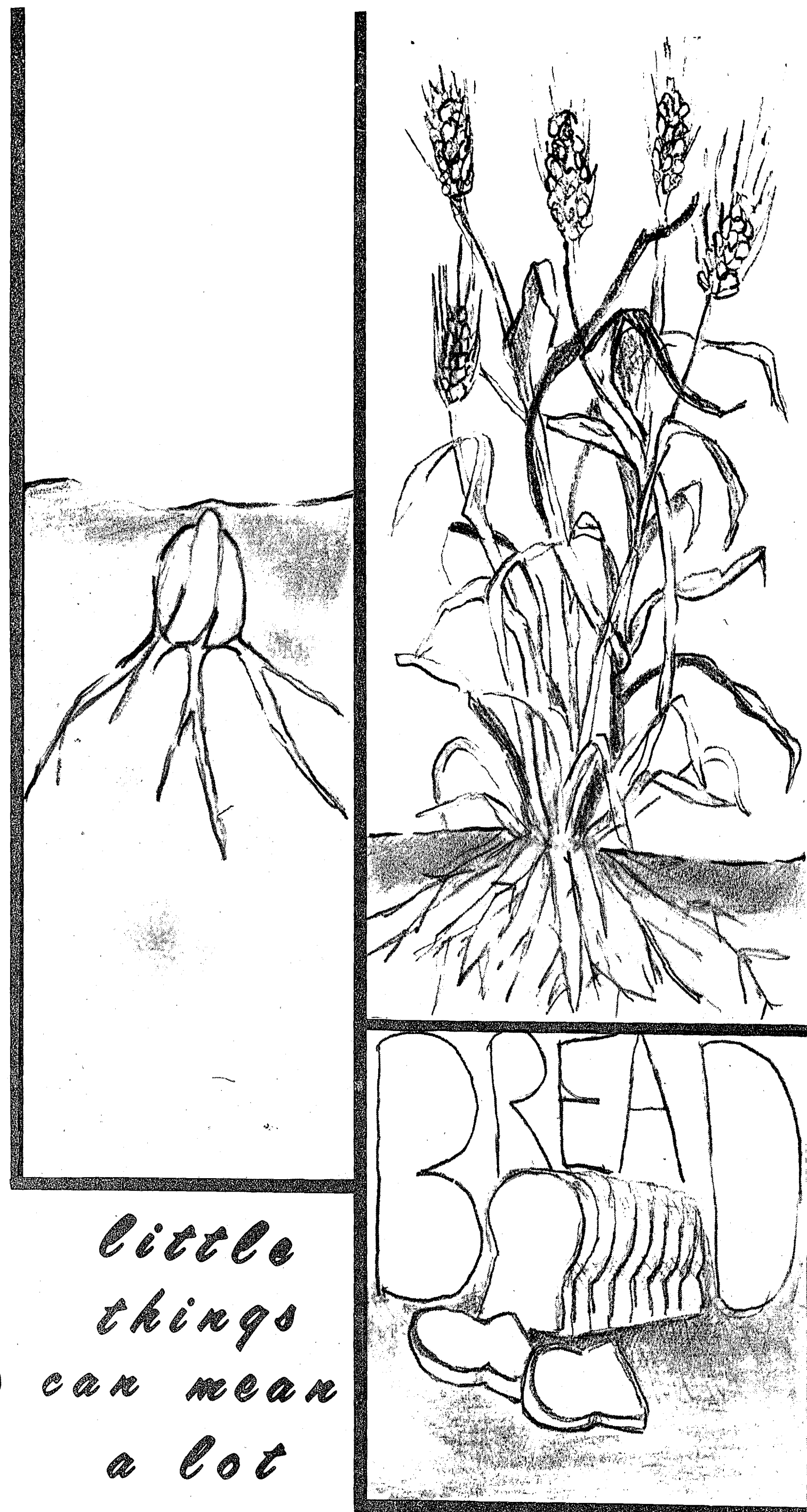
Then on Saturday night the week of Vacation Bible School Day Camp came to a close with a grand camp fire outside, to which everyone was invited. Camp fire began with singing and some selected recitations. At one of the camp fires, several older youths put on a skit playing the part of Satan and his committee of demons making plans to deceive and convince mankind they need not accept Christ now. The skit ended with the decision to impress upon people's minds that: "There is time enough!" The camp fires ended with a stirring spiritual message by one of the local preachers.

These three V.B.S. Day Camps were financed by the churches in the areas where we went contributing G\$25.00 each. To this was added the enrollment fee of \$1.00 from each child; gift help of G\$33.00 from American sources; and a credit balance of \$29.00 left from our 1972 camp program.

These receipts did meet all our expenses for lesson and craft materials, advertising, library and games supplies, visual aids, treasure hunt prizes, and staff food and travel. We also had a small credit balance left over to give us a start for next year's Youth Camp.

In retrospect, we can say that we felt this was a highly successful programme. It certainly was a thrilling joy to the 275 participating children; and a high spiritual experience to the entire staff of fifty persons in all the V.B.S. Day Camps. We pray and trust that the results of this year's special series of Vacation Bible School Day Camps continue to benefit the churches for months and years to come. To God be the glory! □

THE SABBATH ARE THE RECORDER



little things can mean a lot



by Gladys Randolph

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Little things can be hindrances—means of disruption—in production and service. My work is in a film library of a large school district. Every film that is returned, before being racked, is inspected for defects and repaired. Even a small defect, left unrepaired, can be the cause of major interruption in future showing (to some students a joke on the teacher). It is important to find and correct small defects that would hinder any production or service.

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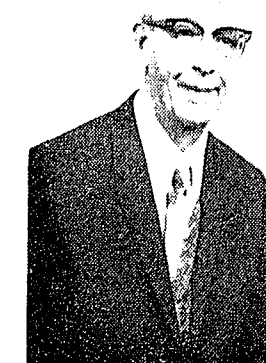
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LITTLE THINGS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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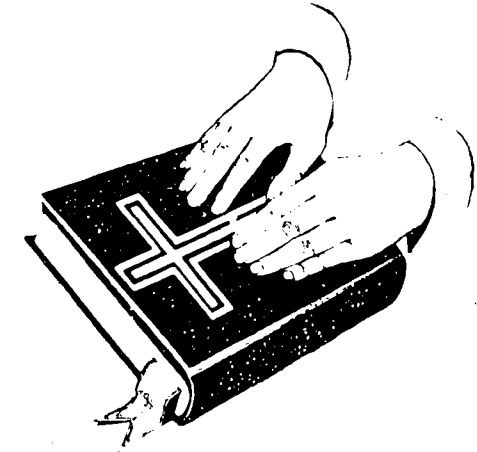
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Put this question to man,
For what does he stand?
And he'll quickly reply,
"Ask someone else but not I."
Then he'll go on his way
To the task of the day,
For he can not waste time
With that ladder to climb.
He's seeking to find
His place in mankind,
So he soars to a height
Like a bird that's in flight,
And he will not be stopped
Till he reaches the top.
The years are all hastening away,
Each one has a shorter stay
And if man is to get
To the goal he has set,
He's got to work fast
Or his life will be past.
Yet there can be a place
In this maddening race,
For a moment to pause
And consider a cause
A man can defend
To the very end.
Man's world is small
Compared to it all,

But there's still a big place
For a smile on a face,
A friendly cheer,
A voice to hear,
A heart to bear,
Someone to care.
If anything can
Change the nature of man,
It's the moments we take
In the hectic pace
To examine our mind,
And to seek and to find
What it is we want
Out of life's short jaunt.
If it's gold in the hand,
Then take your stand,
Tell man to get lost
No matter what cost,
And you'll probably find
Some more of your kind.
If it's friendship above
All else that you love,
A world free from strife,
For the rest of your life,
Then you've got to take time
For that question of mine,
"For what do you stand?"
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DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

FEBRUARY 3 - 9

Shiloh, N. J., S. D. B. Church
Christian Education Workshop
Rev. David S. Clarke

FEBRUARY 4

Burma S. D. B. Conference
Rangoon, Burma
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Rev. Alton L. Wheeler

FEBRUARY 4

Women's Board Meeting
Denver, Colo.

FEBRUARY 5 - 17

India S. D. B. Conference
Madras and Nellore, India
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Rev. Alton L. Wheeler

FEBRUARY 17 - 23

American Camping Assn. Convention
Atlanta, Ga.
Rev. David S. Clarke

FEBRUARY 18 - 24

Visiting S. D. B.'s in Kisii, Kenya
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Rev. Alton L. Wheeler

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2

Malawi S. D. B. Conference
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
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MARCH 1

World Day of Prayer

MARCH 3 - 7

Visiting S. D. B.'s in Rhodesia
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
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March 9 - 10

Ohio S. D. B. Fellowship
Rev. S. Kenneth Davis

NEWS

from the Churches...



Siskiyou Fellowship, Montague, California

MONTAGUE, CALIF.— On Sabbath December 8, 1973, the new Siskiyou Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was organized in Montague, California. The name "Siskiyou" was chosen as this is the county where the members reside.

There were six delegates from other Seventh Day Baptist churches present for the organizational meeting conducted by the Rev. John Conrod, field pastor for the Pacific Coast Association. Representing the Seattle Area church were Justin Camenga, David Davis, Myron McPherson and Lorene Crouse. Patrick Peil represented the Los Angeles church, while Pastor Conrod represented the Association.

The Sabbath morning service was held at the Montague elementary school with sixteen present for the worship service. Justin Camenga taught the Sabbath School and Pastor Conrod brought the morning message. Following the worship service a baptism was conducted for Timothy Webster.

After dinner at the Webster home, the fellowship was officially organized. The lay-leader is Theodore Webster, P.O. Box 5, Yreka, California 96097 and his wife, Connie, will serve as the secretary-treasurer for the fellowship. Sabbath School superintendent is Wesley Boyer, P.O. Box 513, Montague, CA 96064.

The organizational meeting was closed with a prayer circle. The members prayed for the Spirit of God to give them power as they seek to establish a light for others in their community. Let us join them in this prayer as we all seek to share the good news with others.

Left to right: Tim Webster, Eugene Butler, Meredith Webster, La Fae Foley, Michele Stevenson. Second row: Mafrey Boyer, Wesley Boyer, Lulah Boyer, Lorene Crouse. Third row: Theodore Webster, Connie Webster, Rev. John Conrod, Myron McPherson, David Davis and Patrick Peil.

MILTON, WIS.— During the holiday season it is a good time to reflect on the good things in life and so we think back on what has taken place in our church this fall.

We had the privilege of having Secretary Wheeler with us for a number of days, meeting with us as a church, in groups, in small Bible studies and sharing with individuals the work of Christ and His Kingdom. Those who took advantage of this opportunity were well rewarded with the many suggestions he had to offer for our own growth.

The Light Bearers for Christ were with us for Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Churches which met in the Albion church and through their messages of song and testimony a great blessing was received by all.

The North Central Association was held at White Cloud, Michigan, in the midst of God's colorful fall season. What beauty we beheld as we journeyed to Michigan for these meetings. The meetings were well attended and much spiritual food available.

Our Christmas Forum was held on the Sabbath afternoon before Christmas and brought to life very vividly "The Christmas Story" by means of action and story telling.

A Christmas Eve service was held at the church when through Scripture, words and songs our Christmas celebration was shared with others once again.

—Correspondent

ALFRED, N. Y.— During the month of December, the Alfred congregation was involved in looking at the internal affairs of the church and several Christmas activities.

On December 1, the Sabbath School met as a unit for its first Sabbath of the month worship service. The theme was "The Advent of Christ" and the first candle on the Advent wreath was lighted (the other three were lighted in the Primary-Junior Department and the Christ Candle at the Sabbath School program Dec. 22).

Following the morning worship service thirty-four members enjoyed a tureen dinner hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

The afternoon meeting included an informal discussion of the purposes of the church, the church program and how it can be improved, what we think of what is happening in the worship service, community outreach and concrete goals for the next five years and a report of the committee studying changes to update our constitution.

The ladies held their annual Christmas luncheon on December 5, the program being special music by a quartette. The monthly business meeting, held the same day, was climaxed by a surprise baby shower for Jennifer Johnson.

About eighty persons gathered for the annual dinner and Christ-



Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church

mas program given by the Sabbath School on December 22. The program was concluded by sharing Christmas greetings with the community via a hay ride-carol sing.

At the Community Christmas Eve Service, the Ecumenical Youth Choir (which includes SDB Youth) presented, "Ring the Bells," "One Tin Soldier," "Go Tell It on the Mountains," and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The combined adult choirs sang, "Did You Hear?" "The Jazz Gloria," and "Anybody Listening?"

—Correspondent

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
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WASHINGTON, D. C.— When twenty-two members of our congregation returned from General Conference sessions in Wisconsin, we were without a pastor. The challenge of "Growing Up in All Things into Christ" for our church was real!

At the October business meeting the Rev. John Pettway was hired as full-time assistant pastor. During this period while we do not have a full-time pastor, he will serve as interim pastor, assuming the pastoral responsibilities.

For the last two years Pastor Pettway has served the church first as lay assistant-to-the-pastor and then as assistant pastor. The church recognized his ordination at services held in May 1973.

The Pettways live across the street from the church at 4700 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20011 (Phone 829-9294).

For the fourth year now the church offers an after-school arith-

metic tutoring service in cooperation with a nearby elementary school. Twenty-two fourth and fifth graders are enrolled in the program directed this year by Mrs. Janet Thorngate.

In October the Youth Fellowship hosted fifty-five young people from New Jersey and Pennsylvania for a weekend retreat at the Church Center. Their theme: "It's Your Bag — But God Wants It!" The Y. F. is now under the guidance of its new sponsors, John and Gwendolyn Pettway and Lois Veltry.

Over seventy people shared in the annual Thanksgiving dinner and Communion service planned by the diaconate. A special guest at this year's observance was President Emeritus K. Duane Hurley of Salem College who has served for ten years as chairman of the Washington Project Committee.

Our church was privileged to host the early morning Baptist Women's Day of Prayer service for working women in the metropolitan area. Mrs. Erma Wilson and Mrs. Pearl Nagel from our church provided special music and devotional thoughts.

On Laymen's Sabbath Dale Thorngate brought the message focusing on the other side of the good shepherd analogy — "Sheep Reproduce Sheep." The Rev. Ernest Bee challenged both young and old on Youth Sabbath with a fresh look at the prodigal son — "In the Quest of Life."

Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Grover Brissey, brought the Sabbath sermon on December 1. He based it on the story of Naaman and Elisha — "Carrying Through."

The Evangelism Board has also stimulated the development of several midweek neighborhood prayer groups which meet in members' homes. We are especially excited about this new opportunity for Christian sharing because of the long distances many of us travel to reach the downtown Church Center for larger group meetings. Deacon Pratt Chroniger, in tracing some of the thinking behind the idea, expressed the hope that the small group prayer fellowships might contribute to making our church more than an efficient "organization" — might help make it a living "organization" — part of the *living* body of Christ.

—Communications Committee

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — On the weekend of January 5 and 6 a new Seventh Day Baptist church was organized in Phoenix, Arizona. The new church is the result of a fellowship begun some three years ago under the leadership of Arlie and Edith Davis.

Participating in the organizational meetings were three of the pastors of the Pacific Coast Association. The Sabbath School lesson was led by the Rev. John Conrod, field pastor for the association. The morning message, "Spirit - Filled Christians," was brought by the Rev. Don Phillips, pastor of the Riverside church. A fellowship dinner followed the worship service.

On Sunday morning the Rev. John Conrod led in a worship service. After lunch the official organization of the new Phoenix Seventh Day Baptist Church was held. The challenge to the congregation was delivered by the Rev. Leland Davis, pastor of the Los Angeles church.

Ten people were accepted into the church fellowship with seven more making plans to join later. The average Sabbath attendance is thirty. The new congregation is meeting in a rented church at 1201 E. Indianola St., Sabbath School at 9:45, Worship Service at 10:45. The pastor is Arlie Davis, 1046 W. Taylor Street, (602) 254-4004.

At the business meeting Dr. Harold Swanstrom was elected moderator. Other officers include: Diaconate, Hazel Scott and Dr. Swanstrom; Clerk, Penny Lee; Treasurer, Charles and Lona Butler; Trustees, Reuel Bates, Hazel Scott and Charles Butler.

The church sponsors a radio program over KHEP 1280 on Monday and Wednesday at 9:55. Prior to the organizational meeting Pastors Conrod, Davis, and Phillips were interviewed concerning Seventh Day Baptist beliefs for about one hour on a local television station. The church also sponsors newspaper advertising and tract distribution.

Seventh Day Baptists around the country join in praise to God for this new congregation of those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. Let us pray for continued blessings upon the membership of the new Phoenix Seventh Day Baptist Church.



Some of the members of the new Phoenix church.

**SARAH BECKER
RETURNS FROM MALAWI**

Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., returned to the U.S. January 16 after nearly four years of service in Seventh Day Baptist medical work in Malawi. Miss Becker, a charming and dedicated Christian lady, had previously served in Malawi as well as in China.

She was welcomed with a reception by the German S.D.B. Church in Irvington, N. J., where she stayed several days with Pastor and Mrs. Schmid. The German church is noted for its strong support of missions. On January 17 Miss Becker was honored with a reception at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield. She went on to Westerly, R. I., to spend the Sabbath and confer with the Missionary Board.

Miss Becker told the *Sabbath Recorder*: "It is nice to be back home. However, it was wonderful to have the opportunity to return to Malawi for a second term of service. It was like being again with a child that you had helped to train. I really feel we are now in a better position to continue some supervision, but gradually turn more and more of our work over to the Africans. I believe it must eventually become completely their work. It was a real blessing to be there serving as a bridge between the work of Dr. Burdick and eventual complete control by the Africans."

Miss Becker has consented to share some of her experiences with *Recorder* readers in the months ahead. We praise God for her safe return and for her continual dedication to the Lord's work. May God richly bless you, Sarah, in the months ahead and we shall all look forward to hearing from you through the pages of the *Sabbath Recorder*.



Rev. Albert Rogers, Miss Sarah Becker, Editor John Bevis

WATERFORD, CONN.— The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Rood are now living in a six room ranch-type house in Waterford which was recently purchased by the Waterford S. D. B. Church. A large recreation room in the basement will provide excellent facilities for young people's gatherings.

The new home became available after a fifteen months search for a suitable and satisfactory house. It is located about three miles from the church.

The Memorial Board, by supplementing Waterford church funds, was instrumental in making possible the acquisition of the property.

The new address is 1 Vivian Court, Waterford, Conn. 06385.

There was open house on the afternoon of December 15 for members of the church and other friends.



New Waterford parsonage

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Chetek, Wis.**

**Mrs. R. L. Butler, Jr.
Brownsboro, Ala.**

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Milton, Wis.**

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**THE CHIEF GETS HIS
PROMOTION**

Albert Rogers

Ernie Furrow loved the Navy. He was justly proud of his service record, though not quite so proud of it as he was of his family and his church.

In 1933 while Ernie was stationed at the U. S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Conn., he attended the Waterford church as duty allowed and began a long friendship. His wife Marguerite welcomed me to their home and they say I picked up their little boy when he ran his tricycle down a flight of stairs — the boy is now a district manager for the Bell System, Joliet, Ill. Ernie earned extra money for the family mending uniforms for other personnel and sewing on their stripes when they were promoted. What I remember most is his concern for the dishonesty he observed among service men. He tried to be the man his father and grandfather would have been proud of. (They trekked across the Mojave Desert on the Santa Fe Trail from Colorado to California and added strength to our Colony Heights church.)

Serving as a yeoman Ernie achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was affectionately addressed as "chief" in later years. His familiarity with typewriters made him a good correspondent and qualified him as clerk of the Farina church after his retirement. When the church began its publication, "Heart and Mind," it chose him as its first editor. He was police magistrate in Farina for several years and was considered for appointment as district judge.

One of Ernie's overseas tours of duty was at the American Embassy in Tokyo. After the Japanese surrender ending World War II the friendships Ernie had made with civilians there were of considerable help to military authorities in setting up a responsible new government. At least one Japanese community leader thanked Americans for the privilege of working with men of Ernie's caliber.

Advancement for noncommissioned officers does not go beyond the rank of chief. But his unexpected death on Veterans' Day gave Ernie, we believe, the promotion he counted on most. □



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**SALEM TO HOST
1974 CONFERENCE**

The 1974 General Conference Host Committee met December 2 on the Salem College campus in Salem, West Virginia, to continue planning already started on arrangements for the Conference meetings to be held there in August.

Meeting with Chairman Melvin Nida and his committee were Conference President Ernest Bond and General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler.

Among the many tentative plans announced was a report by Duane Hurley, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, that Salem College was ready to provide rooms and meals at the lowest possible cost.

The college has several buildings built since Conference was last held in Salem; and meetings, offices, cafeteria and snack bar facilities and dormitory rooms will all be conveniently located in one area of the campus.

Registration chairman Doyle Zwiebel announced plans to mail information and preregistration forms out to all the churches in early spring.

The Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn was asked to be chairman of the Associated Conferences, filling the vacancy left by the Rev. Charles Swing who recently moved from West Virginia to retirement in Arizona.

The meeting was adjourned with plans to meet again in April. In the meantime committee members are working enthusiastically toward providing the setting for the uplifting and enjoyable Conference President Bond has set as his goal. □

HENRY

by Albert N. Rogers

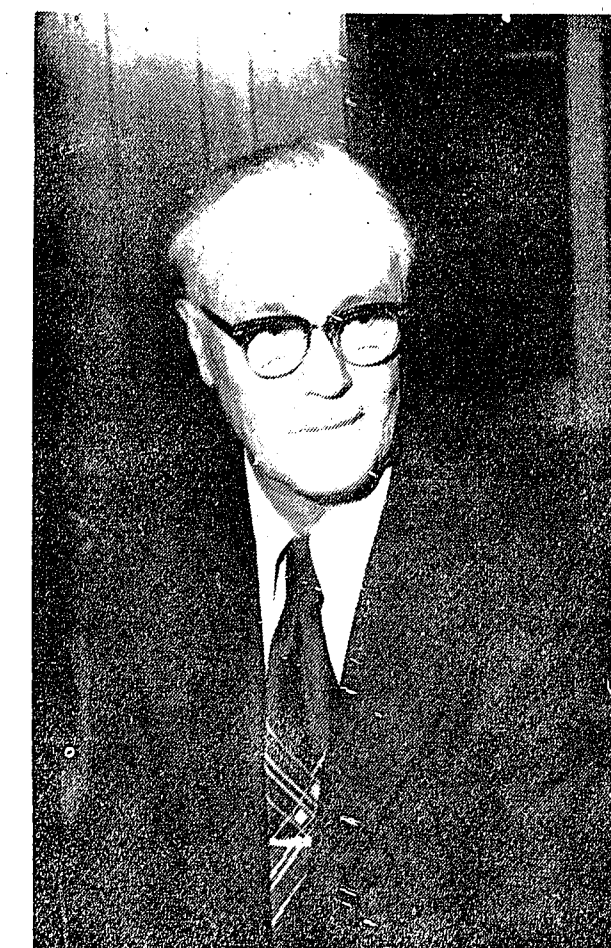
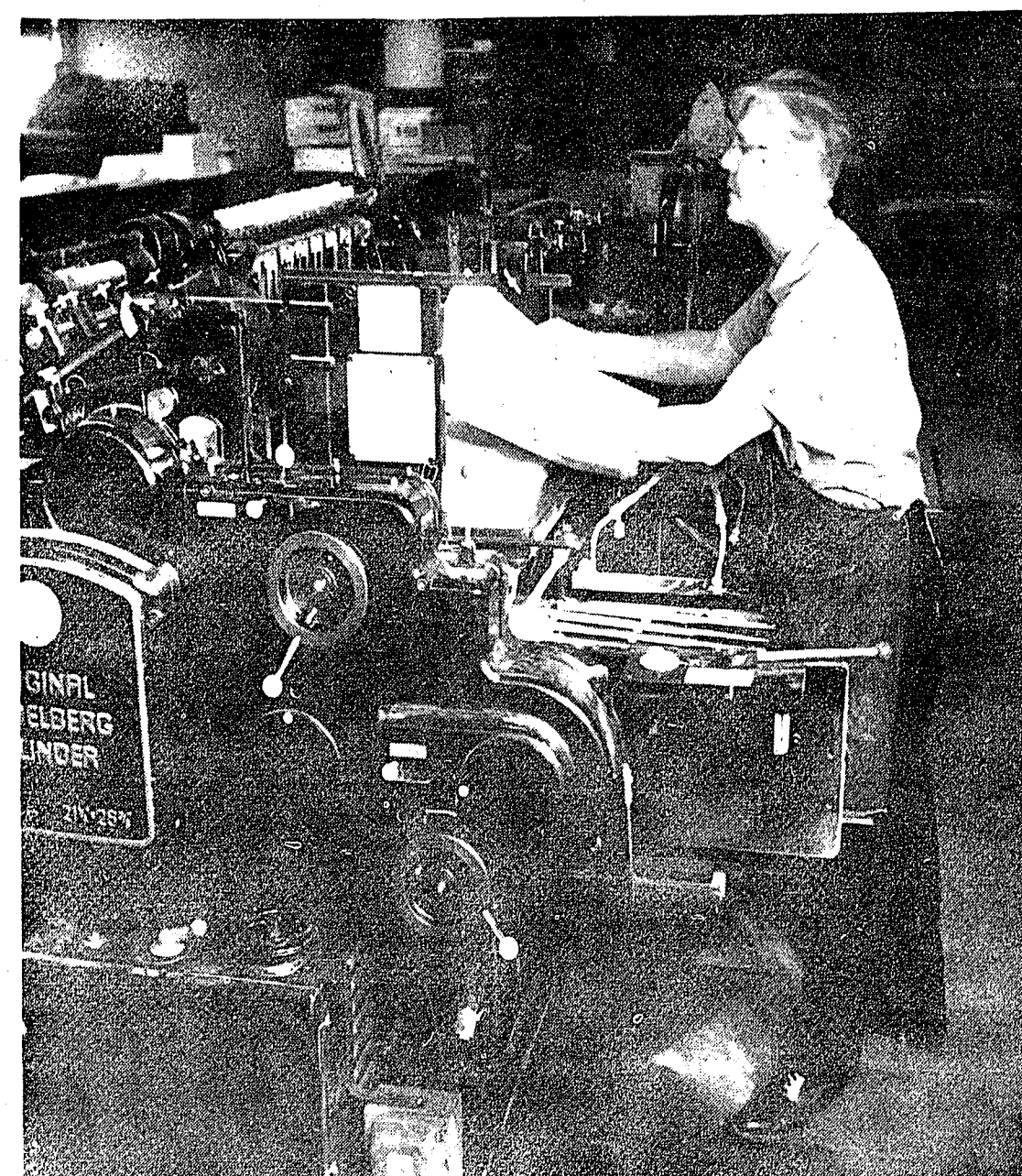
It's going to be hard to get things done around the Publishing House without Henry Poulin. The passing years and a tired back have forced his retirement.

For over forty years Henry has served Seventh Day Baptists in the print shop, with two years out for work in an airplane factory during World War II. His skill as a mechanic is not the only thing that will be missed however.

Although reared a Roman Catholic in an immigrant family in Massachusetts, Henry had the good judgment to marry a Seventh Day Baptist girl (Gladys Wooden Poulin, office manager of the Memorial Fund). Their family home on Watchung Mountain has enriched the Plainfield church immensely. Henry has found fascinating hobbies in travel and study of foreign language, and proven himself a fine grandfather.

Through the years Henry learned most of the varied jobs of commercial printing, and when the work force was sharply reduced in 1966 he was indispensable, becoming pressman and foreman of the shop. Ordering stock and supplies and meeting deadlines now became his added responsibility. He declined to accept the managership offered him, but many times outdistanced those of us who work on a total commitment basis. Time after time he trained apprentices and offered valuable suggestions. Nights and Sundays often found him repairing equipment and pushing lagging jobs wanted for denominational programs.

One cannot adequately thank a colleague like Henry. One can only wish him a very restful holiday, and hope devoutly that he stays near where we can telephone him in a jam. □





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