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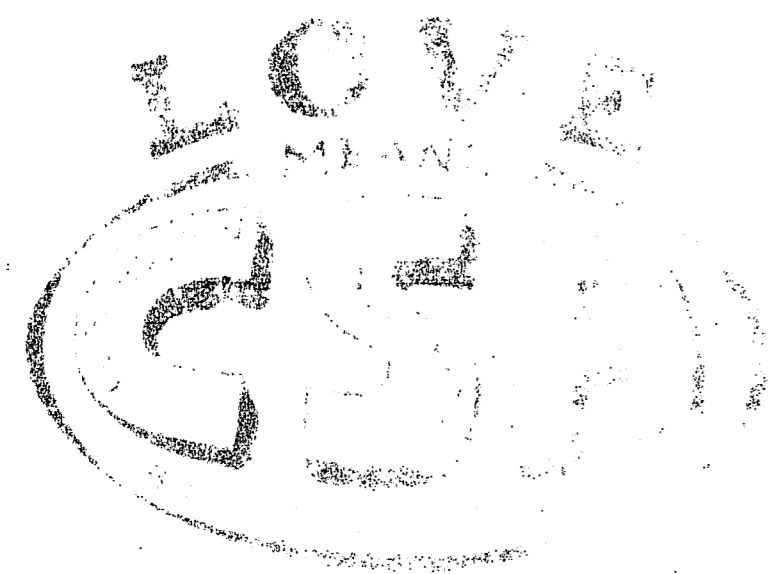


*Verily I say unto you,
Except ye be converted,
and become as
little children,
ye shall not enter into
the kingdom of heaven.*

—Matthew 18:3

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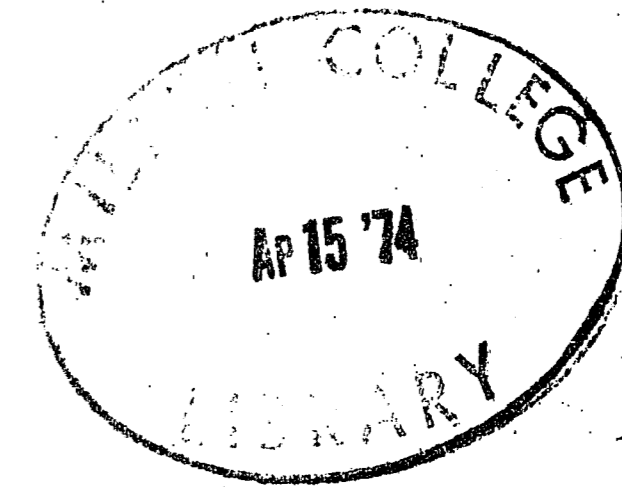
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ALLEGHENY ASSOCIATION

The Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptists will hold its annual meeting May 10-12, 1974, at the Alfred, N. Y., church. Services are as follows:

Friday evening 7:30—
Program by laymen.

Sabbath morning 11:00—
President Ernest Bond.

Sabbath afternoon 1:30—
Conference plans.

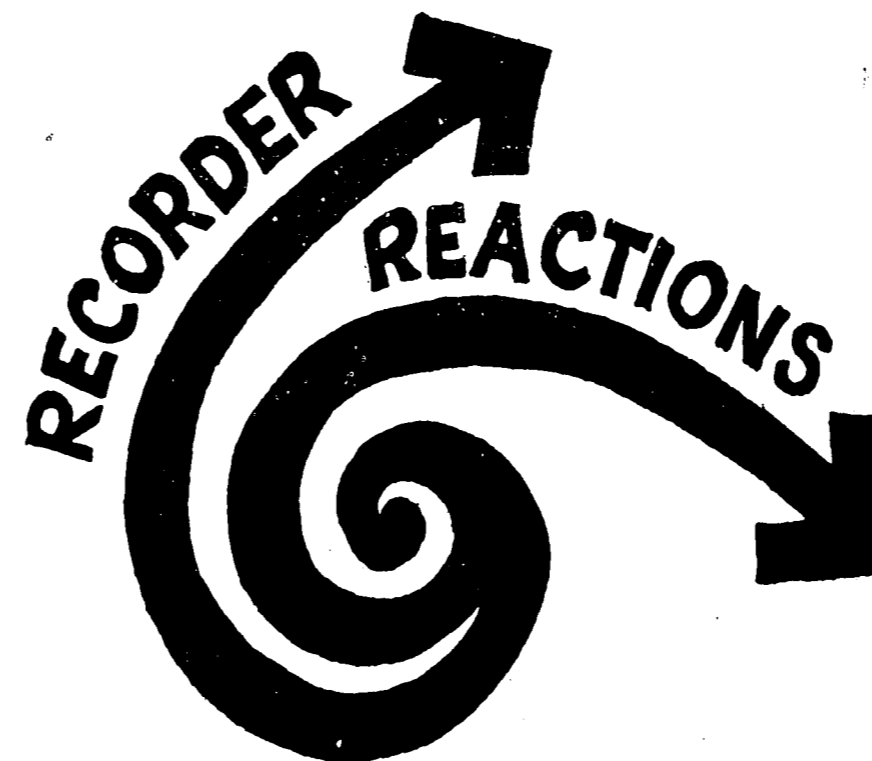
Sabbath evening 7:30—
Musical concert by the Houghton Academy choir.

Sunday morning 9:30—
Worship service, followed by the business meeting.

—Onnalee Saunders
Secretary

NEXT MONTH

Theme: "The Christian Family," prepared by the Board of Christian Education.



Enclosed is my check to renew the *Sabbath Recorder* subscription. I'm sure I will miss the weekly visit of my old and trusted friend, but I'm sure the new format and changes will be signs of growth and improvement. We are adding our prayers for God's help in this new venture.

—Mrs. Stanley Warner
Rome, N. Y.

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Please renew my subscription for another year. I can't say I like the new edition but I may get used to it.

—Mrs. Laura S. Adams
Dodge Center, Minn.

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Christian Greetings! This is to congratulate you and the committee for the new issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*. . . I especially enjoyed the article "And Death Is No Parenthesis." I trust and hope that you will continue to have articles like those which are appealing to young people.

As a young person, there is one request which I hope your committee would consider. This is a "Pen Pal" corner. I think that young people from many of our churches would be interested. I wish for you God's blessing as you continue to work for Him.

—Prudence Robinson
Kingston, Jamaica

Editor's note: A very good suggestion, Prudence. We invite young people to send in their names for the *Pen Pal Corner* which will appear in the *May* issue.

It is a real pleasure to hand the "new" *Sabbath Recorder* to anyone . . . it is beautiful. May God be with you in this work.

—Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn
Hebron, Pa.

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Ever since receiving the first copy of the *Sabbath Recorder* with the new format I have intended to write you to express our favorable reactions to its new appearance. We think it is a fine improvement and wish you success in your new effort . . .

—Walter Floyd Turner, Editor
The Bible Advocate
Denver, Colo.

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I really appreciate the new *Sabbath Recorder*.

—Miss Lotta Bond
Lost Creek, W. Va.

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I became acquainted early with the *Sabbath Recorder* as my mother read to me stories for children from its pages. After I married, that worthy magazine was in our home and later I read to my children letters from the children's page, which was edited by Mrs. Mizpah Greene. I highly approve of the changes made in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Please renew my subscription.

—Mrs. Ogareta Seager
Alfred, N. Y.

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It was with a spirit of joy that I read the January edition of the *Sabbath Recorder*. I do pray it will keep others like me informed as I am far from an S.D.B. church. Enclosed please find my check for a subscription.

—Franklin Ross
Bronx, N. Y.

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I would like to subscribe to the *Sabbath Recorder*. The new look look is quite impressive.

—Ivan Soper
Lincoln, Nebr.

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Enclosed is my check for renewal of my subscription. I enjoy the new *Recorder* very much and like the idea of having more pictures; also News from the Churches and *Recorder Reactions*.

—Mrs. Oscar Hartman
Milton Junction, Wis.

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The "new" *Recorder* exceeds my expectations! Keep up the good work . . .

—Elston Shaw
Milton, Wis.

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Enclosed is my check for renewal of my subscription. The "new look" and future plans for the *Recorder* promise to make it very interesting and valuable as a denominational magazine.

—Walter A. Kenyon
St. Paul, Minn.

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My compliments on the appearance, the readability, and the format of the new *Recorder*. . . we are really proud of it . . . Congratulations to all who have worked so hard to bring us such an attractive and interesting magazine.

—Mrs. Alta M. Leonard
Boulder, Colo.

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Thou shalt not be forgotten of me (Isaiah 44:21).

You are My servant.
I have formed you to serve Me.
You will never be forgotten by Me.

With precious memories,
you can now look back over your life,
and see that I have done great things
for you.

I have redeemed you.
I have supplied your needs.
I have blessed you.
I have preserved you.
I have protected you.

Now
You are entering into the twilight of your life.
Your working years are behind you. BUT, be
assured of this: I have begun a good work in
you — and I will complete it. It will be gloriously
consummated when I return for you.

You will not be discarded by Me.
Neither will you be neglected.

I care for you.
I know your burdens.
I know your concerns.

I also know the desires you have concerning your
loved ones. Your family will be as a completed
circle around My throne. They shall be Mine, in
that day when I make up My jewels, and I will
spare them as a father spares his own son.

Even in these latter years,
you will be fruitful and productive.

I know no age level.
My grace is for all ages.

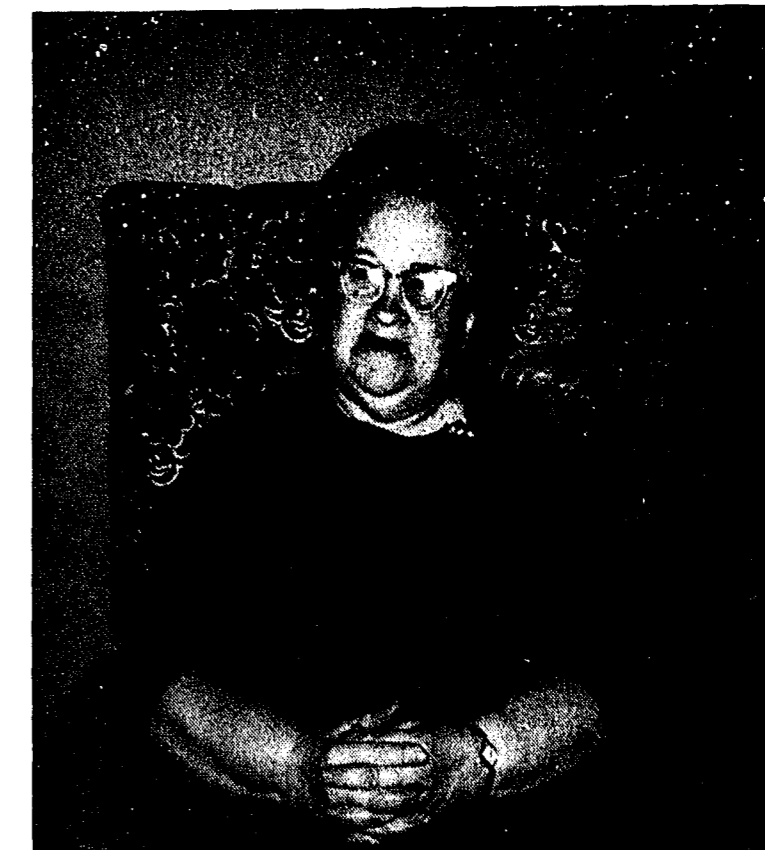
I say to you,
I have begun a good work in you.
I will perform it until My coming.
You will be gathered to Me as one of Mine.
You will enter into My joys.
You will receive your reward
because you have faithfully followed Me.

... God is not unrighteous to forget your work
and labor of love ... (Hebrews 6:10).

personality profile

Miss Susie Robinson

"just can't retire"



One of the newer members of the Board of Christian Education was subject of a Sunday newspaper article under the above title, Oct. 7, 1973. Miss Robinson is a member of the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church, and told us that "regardless of age, creed, or color a person is the happiest when he is serving mankind in some helpful work or hobby as long as he takes God as a partner and listens to the voice of 'The Holy Spirit.' Then he can always find the right guidance. My work could easily fill a book. I have had very rewarding experiences."

The Sunday Spectator (published by the *Wellsville Reporter* and *Hornell Evening Tribune* cooperatively for an area including all of the Allegheny SDB Association except Buffalo) published the article by Martha Jewell from which these excerpts come:

Susie Robinson has been "retired" from teaching for over a year, in one sense. But in a very real sense, she may never stop teaching reading. In her apartment on Sunnyside Street, she continues to help people learn to read or improve their reading skills. It is a consuming interest with her, something she would not give up as long as people need her help.

Miss Robinson began teaching in 1926 in a one-room school in West Almond. Usually she taught several grades in one room, and in one school she taught all twelve grades.

She taught second grade in Friendship for twenty years, then became the district's first Title I corrective reading teacher. After seven years in that position, she retired, but only her public school teaching career ended. For many years before she retired, Miss Robinson had tutored children from several communities in and near Allegheny County. She brought to her individualized instruction a great deal of preparation and experience.

Miss Robinson's interest in reading problems began early in her teaching career. "So many children had problems in reading, and this carried over into other subjects," she said. Of the many children she has tutored, Miss Robinson said some had handicaps, some were retarded, some had perceptual problems, and other learning

disabilities. But others were just "behind" because of illness or absences from school. These need help too, as soon as possible.

"Extra help should be available to children whenever they need it. Delay can cause more serious difficulties," Miss Robinson said. There is no one best method for teaching reading, she has learned. She uses various combinations of known methods and adds some touches she has invented. "The longer I teach, the more I realize that you must treat each child as an individual," Miss Robinson said. The advantages of individualized instruction are obvious, in that a program can be tailored to each child according to his combination of needs and abilities, as well as his interests. Small groups can provide interaction, though, and teamwork or mild competition.

One key to readiness to improve skills is "a good self-image." Miss Robinson tries to make each student feel good about himself and develop confidence and feelings of self-worth.

Each success is praised. "Those who have had problems in reading have been put down, at least in their own minds. I try to put them up, and help them feel they can do well." Another key to success is interest. The choice of materials makes a difference, of course. Boys seem to enjoy adventure and sports stories, or things of scientific nature. Girls might find stories about girls and women, or family life, more to their liking. But it is best not to generalize, for tastes are as different in children as in adults, Miss Robinson says.

Miss Robinson says that she has never said she is sure she can do something, but that she will try, with God's help. "I have had answers beyond the realm of earthly training, to help." She credits God with helping her gain the needed insights to break through barriers in the feelings of her students.

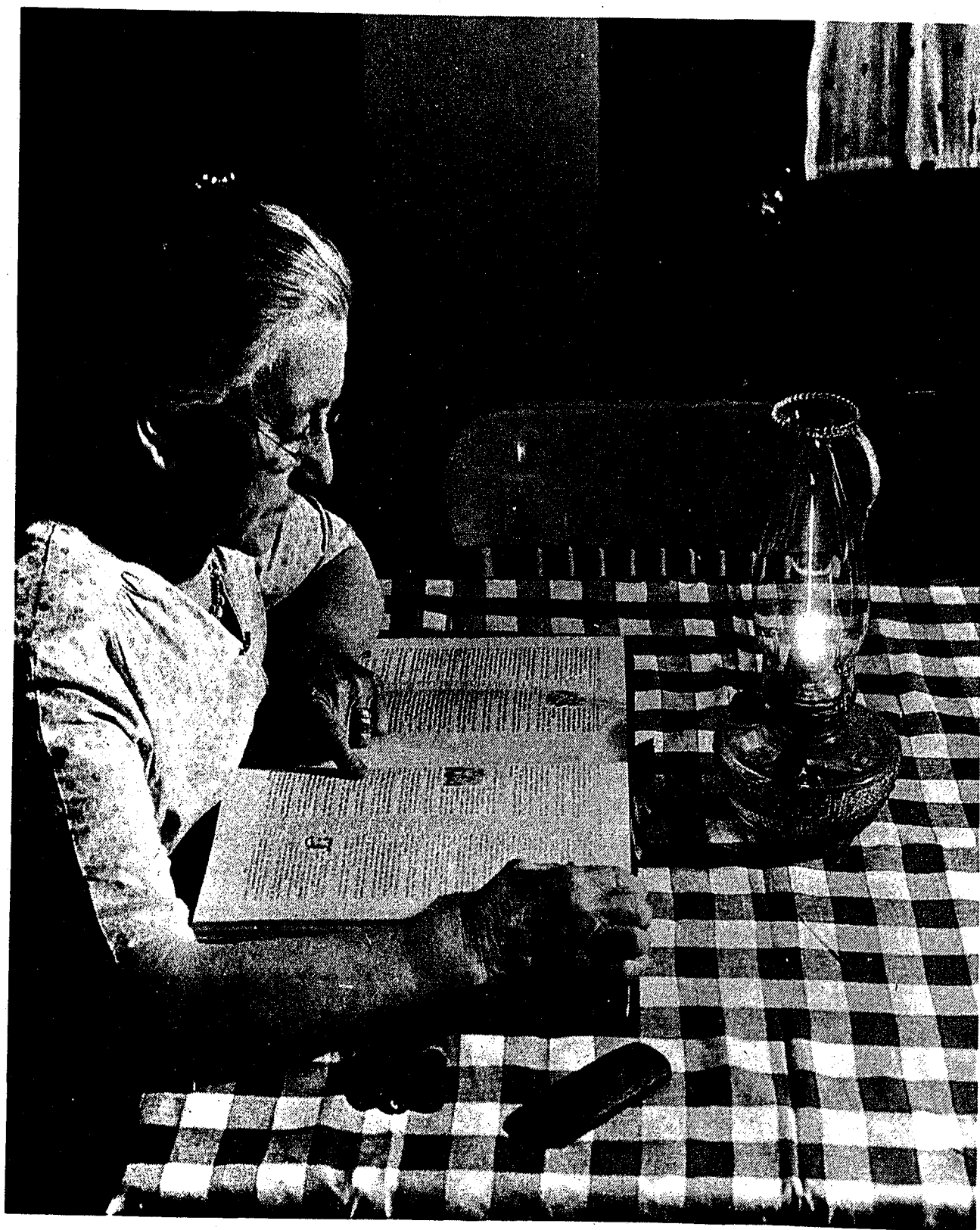
She finds her work especially satisfying, because, "it can be a dreadful handicap to lack these abilities in our society." The identities of such students are held in strict confidence.

"It is never too late to learn," she said, but "the earlier, the better!" □

THE GOLDEN YEARS

CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT

By RALPH BELL



THE SABBATH RECORDER

ONE of the glories of the Christian life is that we can live with our personalities, talents, gifts and how the Lord leads us. This begins when we first say "Yes" to God, and continues down through the Golden Years.

At retirement we do face special problems, different in kind and degree from those in our earlier years. These may include reduced incomes, less vigorous health and fewer job opportunities.

But our Christian maturity will be in our favor. If we have walked close to the Lord and learned from Him, we should have a priceless maturity that will add stature to our lives.

When the Lord said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," He was telling us *how* to get this maturity. Those of us who have entered the Golden Years know the wisdom of these words. We have

long since found there is no such thing as *instant* wisdom, *instant* spirituality or *instant* maturity. We acquire these priceless gems slowly and sometimes with great agony.

Paul was telling us the same thing when he wrote, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). Even he had to learn some things the hard way.

Our Christian maturity shows in our increased sensitivity to the leadings of the Spirit of God and in our acceptance of what seem like adverse circumstances. And through much study of God's Word we now have a better understanding of *how* the Lord leads His people.

The promises of God and the leadings of the Spirit will not have changed just because we have added a few years. God's promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God," remains in

force. And so does His promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). David could look way back and say, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

The term "image of God" in the first chapter of Genesis tells us that our inner creation is very complex. This means that the closer we walk with God the better we shall know Him—and the better we shall know ourselves.

We must learn to live within the patterns God has created for us. In other words, we must learn to live with ourselves. From our Lord's command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," it follows that we cannot love others when we hate ourselves. Our Golden Years should long since have taught us this wisdom.

We know from God's Word and from experience that we are not all endowed in the same manner. We see this illustrated in the difference between Paul and Barnabas. Paul was a fiery individual, firm in his convictions, and he had an unusually keen mind. On the other hand, Barnabas was an easygoing person

who placed a high priority on getting along with God's people. Yet the Lord used each of these men in a most effective way.

The Bible portrays a wide range of the Lord's people on its inspired pages. Hebrews 11 is a brief summation of how the Lord used different kinds. Many in this list had already entered their Golden Years. Moses was eighty years old when the Lord called him to lead Israel out of Egypt.

History is full of the names of elderly people who did great things for the kingdom of God. This should encourage us. Age is no barrier to any service to which the Lord calls.

Living in the past is a temptation many retirees face. This is a trap and a waste of time. Paul wrote that he made it a policy to forget the things that were behind and to reach forth to those things which were before (Philippians 3:13). He advised the Philippian Christians to do likewise. This will keep us busy and also keep us from reliving past successes and failures.

Most of us know that our backgrounds count heavily toward our outlook as we enter the Golden Years. I was born into a poor family. We had to watch every penny we spent. No doubt this affected my outlook later on. I do not take financial gambles. I feel comfortable walking with the Lord without these headaches. This way of living fits me perfectly. And it is not a matter of what is right or wrong. It is simply a matter of *how* I want to live.

Again, the Bible teaches that we do not get everything by genetics or birth. There are gifts of the Spirit and measures of faith. The Lord has distributed these as it has pleased Him (see 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12). These gifts, talents and ministries of the Spirit are not only for the younger generation but for our service as well.

The words "Lovest thou me more than these?" and "Feed my sheep" were not addressed to a young man. They were addressed to a tough, weathered, hard-knuckled fisherman wise in the ways of the world, one who had had three wonderful years of walking with Christ, the Son of God.

We may compare our persons to a vase of beautiful flowers in which the Lord has deposited gifts, talents, faith and the presence of His indwelling Spirit. In the words of the

psalmist we "are fearfully and wonderfully made."

On one occasion our Lord said, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). He does not pass out gifts for our amusement, but He gives them to be used for His glory. And He never intended for any of us to sit and vegetate. To those with physical problems or illness Milton had these words of encouragement: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Part of our service will be to share with others the riches of our walk with the Lord and how He has dealt with us in love, mercy, patience, long-suffering and forgiveness. We can testify it is because of these things we have prospered under the shadow of His protecting wings.

The Lord leads each of us individually. His advice to Peter (John 21:15-22) is most enlightening. When Peter wanted to know what John should do in the future our Lord's rebuff was, "What is that to thee? follow thou me." Or in other words, "Don't worry about John's business, Peter. You follow Me. I will decide what I want John to do." The point made here should be clear to all of us.

But how can we best use the wisdom of our years? And how can we know God's will? The answer is for each of us to follow in the way the Lord leads. And this will be in patterns He has always used. Some of these are: the voice of the Spirit, the teaching of God's Word, our sensitivity to spiritual situations, the nature of events and what we feel is the right response.

In addition, a great number of God's callings are recorded in Scripture. We may study these to determine if any of them apply to us. It is most important for us to get the spiritual feel of God's calling. And this must come to us from the maturity the Golden Years have brought us.

Our Golden Years can be rich and rewarding. A sense of humor helps. And a love for the Lord's people should be a high priority. We are better equipped than ever to serve our wonderful Lord, always remembering that every venture is one of faith. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Life is one of constant adjust-

ments. Transitions from childhood to adolescence to marriage to parenthood and to retirement have brought problems. But His grace has always been sufficient.

The Lord's calling in the range of our personalities, gifts and how He leads will enrich our lives and open for us new doors of adventure. Our Christian maturity is a priceless asset that will help us follow in the path of the millions who have made this successful journey to the new sunrise. □

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SCSC

The Summer Christian Service Corps has been a steadily growing asset to the denomination for several years now. The only limits it has are your visions.

There are so many ways in which to serve. If you wish to be a worker think of all the talents you have. Perhaps you can type, or paint, would like to work with senior citizens, as well as youth groups, perhaps you are good at repairs, gardening, tutoring. Do consider all your talents if you are hesitant about applying.

If your church is considering calling a team this summer, use the full potentials and talents of our young people. Perhaps you need teachers for camps, or Vacation Bible School, or perhaps you have wanted to print an every member directory, but have needed more help to compile it. The SCSC Committee is asking for a complete outline of your program. If we send teams we wish to have them used to their full potential. You must have a project director and comprehensive program before you will be considered.

We appreciate all the efforts that go into making SCSC successful year after year. The dedication of our youth is most heartening. Financial support from churches, women's societies, and individuals gives us continual encouragement.

May God be with you as you plan for this exciting year.

—Gerry Van Dyke
SCSC Chairman

FILIPINOS

stress unity and love



Welcome to Leyte!

While the Republic of the Philippines includes some 7,000 islands, the present witness for Christ by Seventh Day Baptists is primarily on two of them — Leyte and Cebu.

Ambassadors for Christ Leon Lawton and Alton Wheeler acting in behalf of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation joined in vowing to make maximum use of six precious days (January 23-29) laboring for the Lord with the brothers and sisters in the spiritual fellowships there.

They were royally welcomed at the Tacloban airport by a party of ten persons including ordained leaders Olimpio Isoto and Eleazar Ferraren. Warmly stated greetings, sweetly scented leis, and a large welcome banner served dramatically to demonstrate a continuing flow of love, fellowship, and zeal which broadened and deepened throughout their brief stay.

The Isoto Jeepney served well to transport the party of twelve persons including food, baggage, extra cans of gasoline, and two spare tires. The six-hour trip to Albuera included horn-tooting travel through hot and humid sunny rice paddies in lowlands and climbing a winding rocky mountain road where intermittent showers proved drenching and refreshing! Paved highways were outnumbered in kilometers by rough, pitted, winding gravel roads, streams to ford, and numerous narrow one-way planked bridges. The trek led to the home of Brother and Sister Olimpio Isoto and family in Albuera where the ambassadors were most cordially hosted.

Beginning with the first day of arrival, four nightly open-air evangelistic services were conducted—two in the Albuera town plaza and two on the Curidad high school grounds.

On the weekend including the Sabbath of January 26, Leon Lawton remained in the Albuera and Curidad communities on Leyte Island while Alton Wheeler left Friday night on a six-hour boat trip to Cebu arriving at early dawn on Sabbath morning. There he joined Brother Eleazar Ferraren and other dedicated persons including Brother and Sister Elizeo Gulfan and family as his genial hosts.

On the Sabbath some thirty persons, including several from Albuera, attended services in the Curidad edifice and approximately forty-five in Cebu City.



Our Ambassadors in the Philippines

At Curidad, Brothers Isoto and Lawton joined in conducting services, rededicating two previously named deacons including the laying on of hands, and the serving of the Lord's Supper. (Since grape juice was not available, coconut water was substituted.)

At Cebu City Sabbath morning and afternoon, time included sharing a gospel message, Bible studies dedicated toward articulating doctrinal statements of belief and practice, and discussion of numerous questions as the leading of the Holy Spirit was sought.

Two baptismal services were conducted following studies in each situation with the candidates, eighteen persons so testifying of the commitment of their lives to Christ — fifteen youth and three adults.

At Curidad nine were baptized on Sabbath afternoon in a nearby stream by Leon Lawton assisted by Olimpio Isoto.

At Cebu City the baptismal service for nine persons was conducted by Alton Wheeler assisted by Eleazar Ferraren at a beach immediately following the arrival of Brothers Lawton and Isoto by boat Monday noon.

Passages frequently alluded to were Psalm 133:1—"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" and Matt. 28:18-20—"Go ye . . . preach . . . baptizing . . . teaching . . ." with the reminder of the Christ, "Lo, I am with you always . . ."

by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler



Rev. and Mrs. Isoto



Rev. E. O. Ferraren

BURMESE LEADERS MEET

openness

fellowship

decision

Rev. Leon R. Lawton

Burma, a land of many tribal peoples, many languages, many more dialects, and many religions, is the land where in the last decade a Seventh Day Baptist witness has been established. This has grown to thirteen churches or groups that are located in the Chin Hills over 600 miles north and west of Rangoon. The largest and first (mother) church is at Tahan.

A large group of individuals greeted Ambassadors Alton L. Wheeler and Leon R. Lawton with broad smiles and hearty handshakes at the Rangoon Airport. The Rev. John Thetgyi, director of Christian Service for the Burma Christian Council was one and he provided transportation in his VW bus the fifteen miles into the city.

Bro. L. Sawi Thanga, secretary, and President Lian Ngura of the Burma Seventh Day Conference introduced us to the eight other Conference leaders, including a representative of the women, who had journeyed to meet and have fellowship with the ambassadors. Time and travel restrictions did not allow a visit to the Chin Hills. Later we learned it took six to seven days by rail, bus, boat, and foot.

The planned schedule was a busy one yet allowed time for rest, reflection, and seeing the many interesting sights in Rangoon. Our "base" was the Thamada Hotel and it was only a short ride to most places.

Our first day — Friday — was spent in fellowship and discussion with the brethren. A room in the Burma Bible Society building was made available for the larger afternoon meeting. Sabbath morning worship was held in the Thanga home, a small room on the fourth floor of a large building. There we felt the presence of the Lord. Both Bro. Ngura and Thanga were translators from/to English and Lushai.

At 5:30 p.m. Sabbath a special public worship service (of the Seventh Day Baptist Church) was held at St. Gabriel's (Congregational) Church. Over 200 attended while

several choirs and smaller groups gave musical numbers. These included the Zomi Baptist Fellowship, Methodist Church, Baptist Bible Seminary, and the Lushai speaking worship service.

On Sunday your ambassadors participated in the 1:00 p.m. service at Christ Church (Baptist) attended mainly by seminary and university students. That night the Burma Christian Council honored us at the Baptist Student Center for dinner.

Though much understanding and Christian love were the results of the open discussion periods, a highlight was the request for us to participate in an ordination council. Some years ago Rev. C. Khawavelthanga (now blind) was ordained by Dr. Charles (now deceased) of St. Gabriel's Church. He, in turn, has ordained Rev. Rokunga and Rev. Paluaia. With the growth of the churches and the need for more trained leadership, Bro. Lian Ngura and L. Sawi Thanga were called to ordination.

The council convened Monday afternoon and after prayerful consideration of the candidates voted that the ordination service follow. All four ordained ministers present took part in the laying on of hands and welcoming Rev. Lian Ngura and Rev. L. Sawi Thanga into the gospel ministry.

Our last night we gathered at the Central YMCA in Rangoon for a dinner given in our honor. Present were the SDB's from the Chin Hills, the newly ordained pastors and representatives from the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Indian, and other congregations as well as leaders in the Burma Christian Council.

This was the first personal contact with SDB's outside Burma by these brethren. Fellowship by correspondence is most limited. God did bless as hearts and minds were opened, problems and questions freely discussed, and the unity of faith in the Holy Spirit's power experienced. We praise the Lord for these brethren in Christ and their



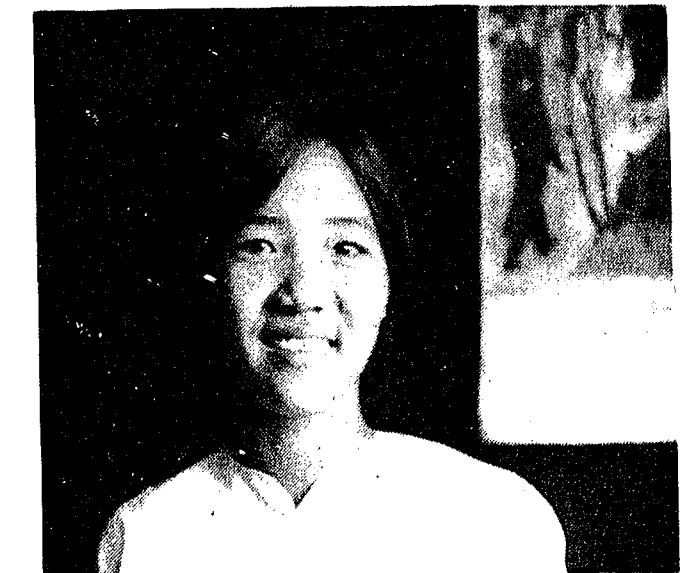
Burmese S. D. B. Leaders

desire to be obedient to God's Word as they understand it. Pray for them.

The call to ordination and possible full-time service as a trained pastor (he had Bible and some theology in his training) came suddenly as the brethren met in Rangoon. It was no doubt contemplated by many for some time, but shared openly only then.

One could see the inward struggle. Yet as he gave his statement of Christian experience and decision to serve, if ordained, you could not doubt his sense of the Lord's calling and his ready response.

Where and how will he serve? There is much to be worked out by our brethren in Burma. Bro. Ngura's wife will, it is expected by those who know her, support her husband in his new role. He also asks the support of Seventh Day Baptists in other lands. Will you do so in your prayers? □



Miss Sui Kipi represented the S. D. B. Women of Burma.

**BURMA SDB
CONFERENCE LEADERS
ordained on February 4, 1974**

L. SAWI THANGA

"My aim is to be the most prolific writer/translator of Christian literature in the Lushai language in Burma." Thus spoke L. Sawi Thanga, secretary of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference. Six titles are already published and listed by the local university and a larger topical concordance to the Bible is to be released in March.

The published books include, "You and Your Church," "God's Holy Day," and "Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs," translated from the English. "The Blessed Hope," a study of Christ's return, has been used by other churches for their classes. A small price is put on these books to recover publication costs, but hundreds are given freely to those who cannot afford them. In addition mimeographed booklets of Sabbath School lessons are regularly written/edited and personally published.

Bro. Thanga was an employee of the largest library in Rangoon for some years but since about 1968 has given his time to the Seventh Day Baptist work. Tracts and small booklets have also been translated and published in Lushai, many with limited support by the American Sabbath Tract Society. □

LIAN NGURA

The president of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference is U (Mr.) Lian Ngura, a medical-surgical nurse in the hospital at Palo Myo, Monywa district. A young man in his thirties, with five children, his pleasant ways and flashing smile speak of his depth of character.

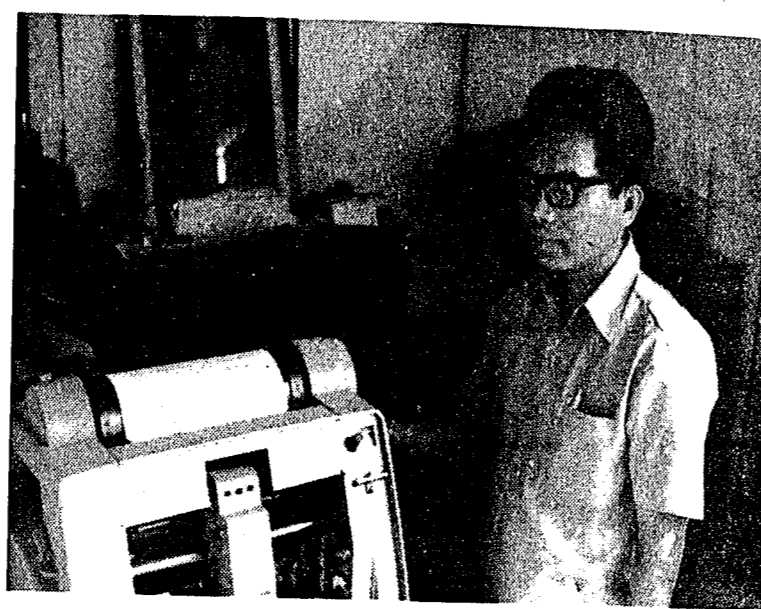
Trained in a former SDA School (all schools are now nationalized in Burma) he speaks English with an accent grown from lack of opportunity to use it regularly. In understanding and translating to the brethren in Lushai, there seemed to be no hesitation, however. □



Lian Ngura, President, Burma Conference



The Thanga Family



Printing S.D.B. Literature in Burma

DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE

MARCH 26 - April 1
Rev. Leon Lawton and Rev. Alton Wheeler
Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference

APRIL 3 - 8
Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference

APRIL 18 - 20
Baptist Women United Board Meeting
Baylor, Texas
Mrs. Myrna Cox

APRIL 21
American Sabbath Tract Society
Quarterly Meeting
Marlboro, N. J.

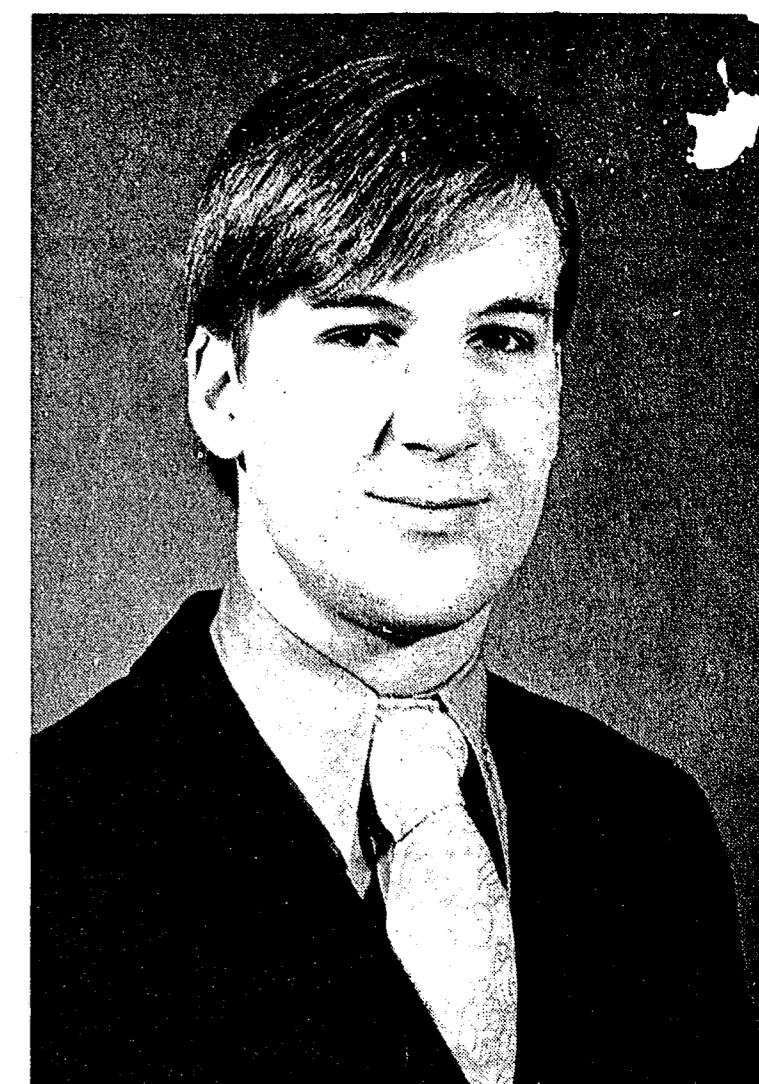
APRIL 21
Board of Christian Education
Quarterly Meeting
Alfred, New York

APRIL 28
S.D.B. Missionary Society
Quarterly Meeting
Westerly, R. I.

APRIL 30 - May 7
Ministers Retreat
Camp Joy
Berea, West Virginia

MAY 13 - 17
Planning Committee
Plainfield, N. J.

**Pastor of Berea...
Who... Me?**



Pastor Roger Chenoweth

Late one October afternoon, I stumbled into my academic advisor's office at Salem College. Doctor William Stroud, professor of philosophy, was seated serenely tilted back in his chair with his feet on his desk. He was conversing with several other students of philosophy, so I ambled over to a chair in the corner of the office and proceeded to make myself comfortable. As usual, I was hoping to glean from the discussion taking place some profound, impressingly heavy philosophical statements to include in my *Student Philosopher's Notebook of Nonessential Knowledge: To Be Meditated upon While Dying of Thirst in the Sahara Desert*. It was a bad day for that. The discussion ranged from Dr. Stroud's goat, which was guarding Dr. Stroud's newly purchased farm, with his "one-two" head-butt-to-the-rear, to the possibility of buying Summer's Store in Salem, which inhabits the oldest building in the business district, to be maintained as a historical tourist attraction. In the midst of the conversation, Dr. Stroud looked over at me and said something to the effect of, "Do you know that the Ritchie County Seventh Day Baptist Church is going to be without a pastor soon? I think you're capable of taking it on as a student interim pastor. You've had enough experience to start doing some things like this. I'll be willing to recommend you."

It was then that I snapped out of my stupor and very intelligently uttered the question, "Huh?" After repeating himself and explaining further, I was finally able to grasp the situation. When our conversation came to a close, I floated out of the office dreaming of seeing a massive neon sign bearing the message, "Ritchie County Seventh Day Baptist Church Presents Pastor Roger Chenoweth." I could see it all — the church packed to the point of standing room only as I victoriously strode to the pulpit.

Of course, I knew that the average attendance at the church in Berea, West Virginia, was anywhere from four to fifteen. But I saw myself as God's chosen servant, the anointed one who was to save the church from desolation. All I had to do was to live a spotless life, talk piously, and buy a book of prayers for every situation. I knew that, upon doing all these things and meeting the requirements of my preconceived check list, God would fill the church. Wouldn't I deserve it?

I contacted Doctor Melvin Nida. He got in touch with the church clerk, Miss Leola Welch, whom I also called later. Before confirmation was given, I was sure that I was going to Berea. Several weeks later, I received a communication from the church clerk informing me that the church had "called" me for one year of service.

Then it hit me. This was not a game. No longer was I playing preacher in the sand box at my grandfather's house. I had been called to serve in a real church with real people. I had been given real responsibility.

In the short time that I have been at Berea, God has been instructing me in the art of humbly facing reality. My superficial pious phrases and canned prayers have echoed and died in this real position which demands a real understanding of God. I am seeking this understanding and Jesus has promised that I will find it.

In the weeks ahead, I'm looking forward with excitement to the opportunities for personal growth that I will be experiencing. But my most earnest hope is that I may, in some way, be of service to the most loving and patient people in God's creation, the saints of Berea! In God's grace have I put my trust! □

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The year 1974 marks the one hundred and thirty-ninth year of service to Seventh Day Baptists by the American Sabbath Tract Society. The society through the years has been dedicated to serving the denomination and to the dissemination of the word of God with special emphasis on the Sabbath truth. No doubt many of our readers would profit by learning more about the work of the society.

Much of this work is done by committees of dedicated laymen. These people give unselfishly of their time and talents to advance the cause of Christ and the witness of Seventh Day Baptists through the ministry of the printed page. A layman, Charles H. North, serves as president of the society and is now in his eighth year of service in this position.

The Advisory Committee

This committee is chaired by John L. Harris. It is comprised of ten members whose main function is to advise and assist the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*. This committee led in the planning for the new monthly format and continues to seek ways to improve our denominational journal.

The Publications Committee

This committee is in charge of all publications of the society. It makes the studies which produce new tracts and books. The committee has adopted a goal of four new tracts per year as it seeks ways to extend our literature ministry. The committee recently voted that all tracts reprinted would have new and more colorful covers. Mrs. George Cruzan has designed new covers for three tracts to be released in April. The three are: "Word of God or Traditions of Men?" which has proved to be the most popular tract of 1973, "The Seventh Day of the Bible Is the Seventh Day of the Calendar," and the bookmark tract "What Do You Find?" This committee has recently sponsored the publication of a complete directory of churches in the U. S. which is free upon request. The Publications Committee wel-

comes suggestions. It is under the capable direction of Mrs. Anna North, chairperson.

Sabbath Promotion Committee

This committee, chaired by Ms. Sharon Ayars, is concerned with Sabbath promotion both within and without our denomination. It assists local churches and associations in promotion through fair booths and in other ways. It promotes Sabbath Rally Day in the churches and frequently sponsors advertisements in national magazines.

Audiovisual Services Committee

This committee has accomplished much in the past year. The S.D.B. sound studio has been completed and is currently serving the entire AV program of the denomination. A large supply of filmstrips, tapes, and recordings is maintained in the library for use by churches and individuals. Gordon Lawton is working for the committee under the direction of Chairman Phillip Van Horn.

Supervisory Committee

This committee, under the chairmanship of Albert N. Rogers, works with the Director of Publications to manage the publishing house. The committee works hard to face the ever increasing costs that face it each month. It is their desire to offer the best possible service to the denominational agencies at the lowest cost. The committee has spent much time over the past few months in studying the entire publishing house operation and in the purchase of new equipment to make possible new and improved methods of spreading the gospel through the printed page.

The financial support for the American Sabbath Tract Society comes from some investments and the Our World Mission budget. The society appreciates very much those churches and individuals who designate funds for the publishing work through Our World Mission. The work of the society is an ever-growing and challenging one. It is limited only by our lack of support and vision. □

—John D. Bevis



"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him."

—Luke 23:33

RESURRECTION

Pastor Leroy C. Bass
Guyana, South America

The happiest event that has occurred in all history is the resurrection of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ from the dead. His resurrection meant that the power of the grave was forever broken. And our faith today rests on the truth of Christ's resurrection.

Indeed, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the *primary truth* of the Christian faith; it lies at the very foundation of the gospel.

"And if Christ was not raised then neither our preaching nor your faith has any meaning at all."

"But the glorious fact is that Christ did rise from the dead: he has become the very first to rise of all who sleep the sleep of death."

—1 Cor. 15:14, 20 J. B. Phillips

This can be said of no other religious leader in the history of the world. As Seventh Day Baptist Christians we hold that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a *reality*. We believe it to be an unshakable fact. There is a sevenfold evidence of Christ's bodily resurrection, all in the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel. What are these seven?

1. Circumstantial Evidence:

The open tomb, and the orderly graveclothes. Verses 1, 2, 6, 7. This caused them to believe. v. 8.

2. Documentary Evidence:

that is, the Old Testament Scriptures. See verses 9, 10 and Psalm 16:20 with Acts 2:30, 31; and Hosea 6:2 with Mark 8:31.

3. Supernatural Evidence:

The testimony of the angels. Verses 11-13. The parallel account in Luke's Gospel tells us (Luke 24: 5-8), "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here: he has risen!"

4. Primary Evidence:

Firsthand information. Jn. 20: 14-17. First of all, by Mary Magdalene. Jesus revealed himself, and she exclaimed: "Master!"

5. Secondary Evidence:

That is, transmitted information; Mary to the disciples. Verse 18.

6. Divine Evidence:

That of Christ himself. Verses 19-21.

7. Conclusive Evidence:

It was given by the "star witness" for the defense, (doubting) Thomas. His motto was, "Seeing is believing." He *did* see, and he *did* believe. Hear his wonderful confession: "My Lord and my God!" Jn. 20:24-28.

How does this resurrection truth lie at the foundation of the gospel? Because through belief in it our faith is not in vain. Does it make any difference what you believe? Listen, without a belief in the resurrection of Christ, there can be *no personal salvation!* The Bible tells us this:

"If you openly admit by *your own mouth* that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and if you believe in *your own heart*, that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

—Romans 10:9 J. B. Phillips

Notice here how it is stressed that we must believe in the fact of His resurrection, or we can never be saved. On the third day from His death Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, walked out of the tomb, and appeared to the discouraged and amazed disciples. This is a historic fact. This is the greatest victory of all time, for it was a victory over death, a victory that no other human being had ever been able to conquer. But it was not only a victory for Jesus Christ himself, but because of His victory, there is also a potential victory for every other human being who lived or who will live on this earth. The promise of God's Word is that everyone who confesses Christ, with a belief in Christ's resurrection, will likewise be raised from the dead nevermore to die again.



"he is risen"

The hatred of the Jewish leaders for the Person of Jesus was so intense that they tried to disbelieve in His resurrection. They did everything they could to suppress this victory, and to suppress the story of this victory. You can read about this in Matthew 27:62-66 and 28: 2-4, 11-15. The witness of the resurrection, the soldier guard, who *could* have told a tremendous message, were bribed by the chief priests into silence about it.

There were some in old Corinth who could not bring themselves to believe in life after death. They mocked at the idea of a resurrection. They couldn't see how, if a man disintegrated completely, in time, after death, he could ever be put together again.

"How is the resurrection achieved? With what sort of body do the dead arrive?" —1 Cor. 15:35 Phillips. The apostle Paul replies:

"Now that is talking without using your minds! In your own experience you know that a seed does not germinate without itself 'dying.' When you sow a seed you do not sow the 'body' that will eventually be produced, but bare grain, of wheat, for example, or one of the other seeds. God gives the seed a 'body' according to his laws — a different 'body' to each kind of seed.

"There are illustrations here of raising the dead. The body is 'sown' in corruption; it is raised beyond the reach of corruption. It is 'sown'

in dishonour; it is raised in splendour. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. As there is a natural body so will there be a spiritual body." — 1 Cor. 15:36-38, 42-44. J. B. Phillips.

Paul wanted to reassure the philosophical Corinthians that it would not be one bit harder for God to re-create us, with even better bodies, in the resurrection, than it was for Him to have made us in the first place. Both the first and the second creations are equally the result of the creative power of God. Our first bodies are mortal, subject to weakness, disease, aging and death. Our second bodies will be immortal, suffering neither aging nor death. We will have bodies that will never die — this is what *eternal life* means. Furthermore, our second bodies will be just as real as these our first bodies, with flesh and bones, eyes, ears, hands, feet and everything.

I do not at all believe the Bible gives us the idea of the saved being vague, ghost-spirits, flitting about from pink cloud to cloud. This idea is gained from comic-strip theology and should be quickly dismissed as an entirely false concept and one not worthy of our God and Creator. The one short phrase in Scripture about becoming "like the angels in heaven" (Mk. 12:25) is far overplayed and taken out of context by popular and careless thinking. Let us take a deeper study of several pertinent Scriptures and put these down in the form of a comparative chart.

THIS EARTHLY BODY AND NATURE

THE FUTURE SPIRITUAL BODY AND NATURE

Read across

1 CORINTHIANS 15: (RSV)

Question: "How are the dead raised?" v. 35.

Answer: v. 37 "What you sow is NOT the body which is to be"

v. 42 "What is sown is perishable" what is raised is imperishable."

v. 43 "It is sown in dishonor" it is raised in glory."

"It is sown in weakness" it is raised in power."

v. 44 "It is sown a physical body" it is raised a spiritual body."

"IF there is a physical BODY

(there is)

there IS also a spiritual BODY."

v. 47 "the first man was from the dust,

a man of dust,

the SECOND man is from heaven."

(born from above, of the Spirit)

v. 49 "we have borne the image of the

man of dust (Adam)

we shall also bear the image of the

kingdom of God"

"nor does the perishable inherit

the imperishable."

v. 51 "Lo! I tell you a mystery. We

shall not all sleep (in death)

but we shall all be CHANGED."

v. 52 "and the dead will be

raised imperishable, and we shall be

changed."

v. 53 "For this perishable must

put on the imperishable, and —

"this mortal nature must

put on immortality."

All the above passages clearly tell us that we, with this mortal flesh, in this present life, can never inherit the future Kingdom of God. The above phrase in v. 50 "*flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*" is just another way of saying the same thing. We are not to over-technically interpret this to say what it does not mean — such as spiritual bodies will not have flesh and blood and bones. "Flesh and blood" as used here and elsewhere is merely a loose way of referring to another human being here on earth. See Matt. 16:17; Gal. 1:16; Eph. 6:12.

If we, in the resurrection, are to "bear the image of the man of heaven" (Christ) as the above text says, and also as Philipians 3:20, 21 says, (that our present "lowly body" will be changed by Christ at His coming "*to be like his glorious body*") then we can understand that the bodies of the saved will be composed of flesh and bones, for such the resurrected Christ Himself acknowledged to His bewildered disciples who thought they were seeing a ghostly, spirit apparition. Jesus then quietly and plainly

informed them:

"See my hands and my feet, *handle me*, and see: for a spirit has not *flesh and bones as you see I have.*"

"Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and *place it in my side.*" —Luke 24:39; John 20:27.

If Jesus, in His spiritual, resurrection body said He had "flesh and bones," and we too in the resurrection shall have spiritual bodies; we too shall have "flesh and bones." And if flesh and bones, then this would not rule out "blood."

We shall still be just as real a person in the future Kingdom of God, with just as real bodies as we are and have, now. We will be gloriously changed in body, to be sure, but we'll still be ourselves. We'll know each other, embrace our loved ones and friends, talk, laugh, walk, run, eat. We'll even keep every Sabbath perfectly; which we find hard to do here. We'll study and learn so much about many things, the fantastic plan of salvation; the science and mathematics of

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**FAITH IS REALITY
FAITH IS LIVING
IT IS LIFE**

Perhaps every Christian can quote from memory the Bible definition of faith as found in Hebrews 11:1—“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Quoting the Bible from memory is a nice thing to do, especially in the Sabbath School class on the Sabbath Day. What a warm feeling it brings.

But defining our faith by other means, under adverse conditions, is something else. Let us say, would our faith take on the same meaning in the face of death? Or, in persecution, either by spiritual powers or temporal powers, would our faith sustain us? Can we genuinely say that whether we live or whether we die, our conviction is such that nothing can separate us from God or the truths we hold? In other words, is ours an intellectual consent, or is faith part and parcel of our lives?

Beck's translation of this verse says, “Faith is being *sure* of the things we hope for, being *convinced* of the things we can't see.”

Certainly the kind of faith which makes one willing to die, must of necessity be the kind of which one is both *sure* and *convinced*. The question as to whether or not one has this kind of faith is a very personal one. Nevertheless, it is good to ask one's self repeatedly whether or not he has this kind of faith. And, if there is any doubt, there should be a deep soul-searching.

The Bible states, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). And God pleading with His people asks “Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live” (Isaiah 55:3). We may say then that our faith comes from our relationship with God and His word as found in the Bible. From the exercise of this relationship, comes that which makes us *sure* and *convinced*. The surety and conviction assures our salvation. This saving faith is the gift of God, sustained in us by His Holy Spirit. This personal relationship between one's self

and God, supplies the warmth of Divine Love that makes one willing to die for it.

How much has been said about faith and works as if they were two different things. Some one is always trying to impress us with the necessity of works. The truth is that faith is the germ from which any works grow. Convicting faith has only one outlet, and that is in works.

For example, what kind of faith do you think John Hus had, to be able to approach the stake, to see the wood and straw prepared for his funeral pyre, and still refuse to recant? Knowing full well at that moment what his end would be, he could still kneel and pray the Thirty-first Psalm and the Fifty-first Psalm, and end them both by saying, “Lord Jesus Christ, this cruel and terrible punishment I will cheerfully and humbly bear for the sake of Thy Holy Gospel and of the preaching of Thy Blessed Word.” And then as the torch was applied, seeing the flames engulfing his body, he began to chant, “Christ, Thou Son of God, have mercy upon us.”

Do we understand this kind of faith? How many of us possess it?

Perhaps the most misunderstood reformer was Ulrich Zwingli. His reformation was not a reformation of the Roman Church, but rather a reformation that would return the Christian Church to its apostolic simplicity. He was not able to complete his task. His death in defense of what he believed has left religious scars still visible in Switzerland. His statement of faith was, “I am driven and beset on all sides, yet I stand firm, leaning on no strength of my own, but on Christ the rock, by whose help I can do all things.” When accused of being a heretic and rebellious man, he could square his shoulders and say “Here I stand, in God's name.”

Ulrich Zwingli's definition of faith was, “Faith is not knowledge, opinion, or imagination — it is reality! It involves in it a real participation in divine things.” How beautiful —

faith is reality! Faith is living, it is life, it is the believer at his daily best. It involves itself in total participation in the daily life of the child of God.

One of the results of Ulrich Zwingli's reformation was the Baptist beginning in Switzerland. The Baptist cry was, “It is not by words alone, but by our blood that we are ready to bear testimony to the truth of our cause.”

This writer's ancestors were involved in the Baptist cause in Switzerland. Rudolph Bachmann was a hard working blacksmith in Waldenswill, Switzerland, who became a believer in the Baptist revivals, and forsaking his Catholic heritage refused to recant. For the sake of his death, he was seized on January 26, 1613, and sent to prison where he died. His daughter, Elisabeth, was also seized later and sent to prison where she died rather than recant. It is said that she died after “much want, misery, and wretchedness.”

Surely no one questions the faith of Martin Luther. In his own words he defined faith as “a living, daring, confidence in God's grace.” Here again we see that these worthies considered faith as the living of life itself. And in the boldness of the approach of Luther, it was “daring.” He said further, “We Christians ought to be well persuaded of what we teach and to be able to say yes or no. The Holy Spirit is no spirit of doubt. And he has written in our hearts a *firm* and *peaceful assurance* which makes us as sure of the object of faith as we are of our own existence.”

The lives of these worthies reveal that faith is not some mystical rite to which one subscribes, but rather it is the living of life. It is your Christianity revealed in the occupations you pursue. The raising of children, the keeping of the home, office or management, or the pleading of a case in court. Faith is what you reveal to others as life unfolds. No eloquence is needed to reveal Christ. The way life is lived is the revelation of your faith. The apostle Paul tells us that his life of conviction and surety was the basis for his life, for he says, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give



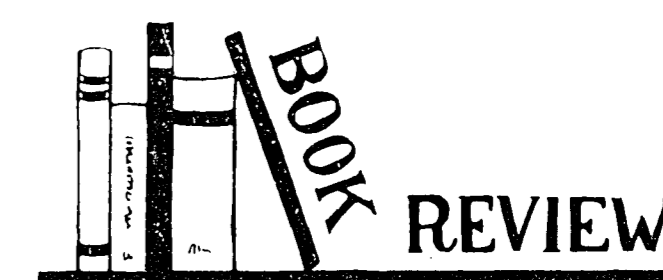
Charles J. Bachman

me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

Paul does not say a faithful life is free of trials, or that his righteousness made him victorious. He lays no claim to earning salvation because of his great works, but rather very simply lays claim to life eternal and righteousness through faith. “For by grace are ye saved through faith” (Eph. 2:8).

There is happiness in defeats, and joy in despair, when the surety and conviction of our faith in God is sufficient for the day. In a time when “men's hearts are failing them for fear, after those things which are coming” (Luke 21:26), we need more than ever that kind of faith our forefathers possessed. To be absolutely sure of our God, absolutely sure of our Savior, and sure of the indwelling Spirit — to the point we would be willing to die — that is real living faith. □

(Quotes of John Hus taken from: *John Hus*, by W. N. Schwarz, Revell; quotes of Zwingli, Luther, and Baptists from: *D'Aubignes History of the Reformation*, 1846 edition, Robert Carter, New York)



No Pat Answers by Eugenia Price. Zondervan, 1972.

Eugenia Price, a highly successful author of religious books, lives on St. Simon's Island, off the coast of Georgia. Her books have sold more than three million copies, and number about twenty titles.

This book will be a shock to those who have always believed that those who disobey God are going to suffer pain and disappointment, and that those who obey will somehow be saved from life's misery. In what she calls her new “adventure in faith” Genie Price has a lot to say to each one of us. We have all been subjected to some religious cliches about God “sending tragedy or illness,” either as a “punishment” or to “test” us, and such a point of view only brings hopelessness, not comfort. In the chapter entitled “Grief,” there are these sentences . . . “to insist that God takes our loved ones in order to punish us or to prove His power to do as he pleases with us is an insult to the great, loving God-Heart which broke on Calvary. Did Jesus come to make it possible for us to discover the real nature of the Father's heart? . . . How can a punishing, death-dealing God be of the same nature as Jesus Christ who walked the earth with healing in his hands? . . . Some Eastern religions still hold that man gets what he deserves . . . if that were God's intent, we'd all be sunk.”

Eugenia Price describes many situations which come very close to what many of us have experienced, and speaks to our own confusion as she says . . . “God Himself, through His Son got into the mess with us. No one ever need doubt the loving intentions of the Father again because Jesus hath revealed Him.”

Some chapter headings: “Too Old To Live”; “The Handicapped”; “Disappointment” — worthwhile reading!

—Madeline Fitz Randolph

A LIVING FAITH

EVERYONE

through the years, they have provided an outlet and excellent therapy when it was needed.

Talent is given to be used and shared with others, but it must be developed. That development comes only through controlled hard work. As one of my colleagues said years ago, "Of all the great values, aside from spiritual ones, there is probably none greater than work itself." While there are some people today who question the value of labor of any kind, fortunately there are still those who do recognize its value.

Kindness toward others is so important and really it takes so little

NEEDS A MEASURE

Challenges? Who needs them? We all do! Success? Who needs it? We all do! Each of us needs enough of it to build sufficient confidence to meet life head on and to have the excitement of living it. Why "cop out" just because life isn't what it should be? Change it! There's lots of room for improvement.

If ever anyone was shy and bashful, I was. Then, during my high school junior year, one of my teachers discovered (for me) that I could sing. Through long and painful processes, involving "stage-fright" and a fear of forgetting the words, I began to realize that perhaps I could sing as well as the average person. Years later, thanks to a fine teacher, I discovered that mine was a God-given talent and I had better use it for the benefit of others, if not for myself. It was this "measure of success" which gave me the confidence I so desperately needed to face life itself.

Growing up through the years of the Great Depression of the thirties gave many of us an appreciation for the "value of a dollar." Frugality, paying instead of charging—these were necessities. Only one of my college class got a job in 1933. That winter I learned how to operate a pick and shovel on CWA in -11° weather. Physically, I had never felt better. Summers during high school and college years there was on-the-job training with a painter and paper-hanger, a plumber and steam fitter. Then there was an opportunity to learn something about electrical wiring. These vocational skills have not only saved dollars

to express it, if one gets in the habit of seizing the opportunity. My fourth grade teacher was a specialist at sarcasm. That year I vowed that if ever I taught school I would not be sarcastic. I'm glad I had that teacher because by example she taught me the contrast between sarcasm and kindness.

An eminent scholar once said, "If you have difficulty with a particular subject, that is the very one you should take." One of my most difficult courses was Ear Training and Sight Singing, yet that subject matter ultimately became the most valued tool of my twelve years of public school music teaching.

My major professor used to say to me, "Kenneth, you will not be able to sing that song until you have lived longer." Living can be an effective teacher and one becomes almost transparent, revealing his soul, when he sings. My serious problems with stage fright were largely resolved when this same teacher confronted me with the realization that stage fright is really conceit. Immediately I was on the defensive. I'm not conceited! Impossible! I'm scared to death! Wait a minute! Not so. You are too concerned about how you look—your clothes, your hair, your tie. Think about the message of your song and you won't have time to worry about impressions you are making.

Give of your self. "If you aren't physically exhausted at the close of a concert, you haven't given enough." Right again. Enunciation, articulation, pure vowels sustained, and crisp consonants between the

vowels are the key to this problem. Before this realization people couldn't understand my words.

Twelve years of public school music teaching resulted in using and refining those tools which had little meaning until I was confronted with having to know and apply, if I was going to lead others.

In 1947 I was urged to consider "selling" a college choir as its manager, securing concerts in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C. I left public school teaching and became a "salesman." During those years I learned that I had better have an answer to one primary question — Why would anyone want to hear your choir? Because you people like good music and this is what we have to offer! At the same time (to provide me with a full-time job) I was asked to seek support for the college from our alumni. So, "two hats were worn," one as

OF SUCCESS

by Kenneth A. Babcock

Choir Manager and one as Alumni Secretary.

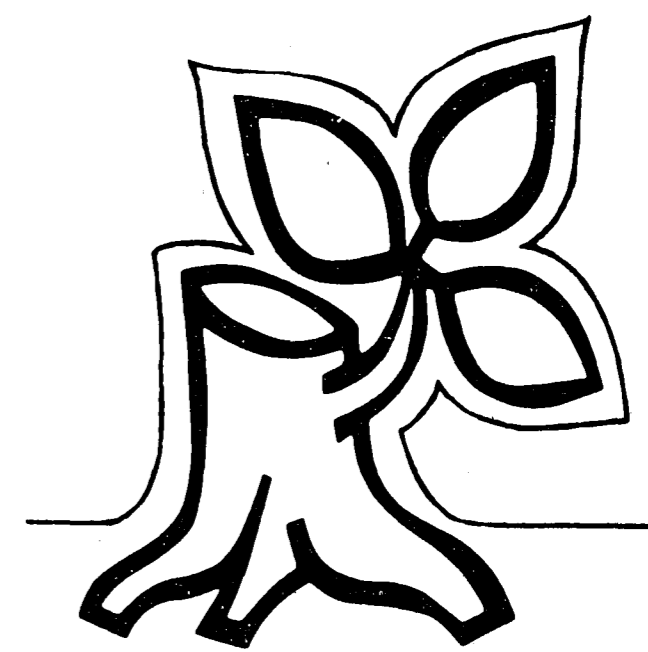
The next move was a natural one — trying to secure money from corporations for the entire college. The next seventeen years were spent seeking financial support for my alma mater.

In 1970 another opportunity came, but it would be necessary to carve out a new life in a new community. Flora and I accepted the challenge. So here we are, still with the greatest "product" in the world to sell — educational opportunity for young people.

Backward glances stimulate a number of ideas and so I'll mention a few of them just by using a sentence or two at a time. In dealing with people, take your ears along and be willing to listen much of the time. Be kindly, but if you have a conviction be persistent until you are told "No." There is still no room for sarcasm, if you wish to win friends and influence people. Be patient, learning to wait. There is still room for one more, if it is a good one, and ours is a good one.

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President of the National SDB Youth Fellowship, Larry Graffius, second year Salem College student, plans to take a leadership role in the international gathering of Baptist Youth at Portland, Oregon, July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974. He has been asked by the Youth Program Committee to plan on spending the summer visiting Associational camps, local Youth Fellowships and church groups, before moving into the Baptist World Alliance training program for the World Conference.

Besides Larry and Secretary David Clarke, SDB's have been asked to provide three other adult leaders for units of the conference. Clarke has been seeking available leaders to nominate to the Program Committee. Interested persons could contact the board office, though openings are filling fast.

The Baptist World Youth Conference is programmed for much direct personal encounter across denominational and national lines at the Portland meetings. "Communities" of college dorms, hotels, or neighborhood housing will group the youth for close residential association. "Core groups" will subdivide the youth into discussion or action groups, while "Clusters" will bring core groups together for special projects. The program is put into orbit in "Satellites" on such concerns as evangelism, prayer, world-community-building, the arts, etc.

The theme, "Christ, Our Challenge To Live," moves through these group experiences as well as total conference meetings to be held in the Portland Coliseum each

night.

Details on costs for the conference are being published in Baptist materials but you're invited to write the Board of Christian Education if you desire direct SDB contact.

The SDB Women's Board has been asked to relate the Summer Christian Service Corps program to the BWA Conference, and they have planned for the Colorado SCSC'ers to program for this, if possible.

All the above concerns were part of the "Rap" between the National SDBYF officers and the Board's Committee on Youth Program, held at Salemville, Pa., Nov. 18, 1973. Attending that five-hour session, blessed by Pastor and Mrs. Charles Graffius' gracious home and cooking, were: Advisor Paul Green of Salem Church; Larry Graffius, Pres.; Sec. Dusty Goodson; Treas. Chris Rogers; Ed. Sutton, Board Committee chairman; Mary Clare, Board pres.; Sandy Snyder, Laurie and Sharon Higgins, Board consultants; Mrs. Ed. King, YF advisor at Salemville German SDB Church; Paul Davis of Salem College, and David Clarke, Board secretary.

At that Rap Retreat, the new policy on *Beacon* distribution was established in detail. This group-mailing process was described in the December 8, 1973 *Sabbath Recorder*. The National officers and Salem, W. Va., SDBYF will edit the next three quarterly issues of the SDB youth magazine. Local churches and their YF's are more responsible than in the past for the successful distribution to all interested members and friends, and also for support of the *Beacon* and National Youth Fellowship. Previously, membership by personal payment supported *Beacon* production which always cost more than YF dues provided. The Board budgeted such costs and will continue



National SDBYF Officers and Advisors

to underwrite the *Beacon's* production and distribution. As most of you know, National YF membership has been broadened to include all local YF members, so that support comes from groups rather than from individuals.

The January '74 issue of the *Beacon* has been distributed by our circulation manager, Paul Osborn, pastor of the Nortonville church. Send back the reply postal he sent with *Beacons* and cover letter to your church's YF advisor, pastor or Sabbath School superintendent. If you haven't seen the fine January issue, notify Paul *only after* checking to see if one of the above officers of your church hasn't copies.

We're proud of the *Beacon* staff (Penny Hurley, Larry Graffius, co-editors, and their crew) and want every possible reader to enjoy the first production—and each successive one!

PRE-CON RETREATS were another consideration of the November Rap Retreat. The group discussed at length the age-division between the two Conference-related events. Thy recommend that only one year be optional — a youth's eighteenth year. The recommendation was adopted by the Board of Christian Education, so all young adults and youth are hereby advised that 15-18-year-olds are eligible for Youth Pre-Con at Huttonsville, W. Va., Aug. 7-11 and 18-35-year-olds are eligible for Young Adult Pre-Con at Camp Joy, Aug. 7-11. The 15-year lower limit is interpreted to include youth who have completed the ninth grade this spring, but who may yet be only 14 by Pre-Con time. The 18th year limit means that those who are not yet 19 years old as of Pre-Con time can attend Youth Pre-Con, and those who are no younger than 18 years can attend the Young Adult Pre-Con. □

APOLLOS

Sunday, Jan. 20, 1974, was a full day for the Board of Christian Education executive officers. They met in the morning with the Camp Program Committee at 10 o'clock in the new board office, then held an Executive Committee meeting at 12:30 as they ate box lunches at the Alfred Parish House, and bit into several meaty questions for SDB Christian education. At 2 p.m. the rest of the directors gathered for the Quarterly Meeting of the board. Twenty-one persons joined their spirits for almost two hours of corporate response to their commission to lead in quality Christian education for S. D. B.'s.

President Mary Clare conducted the session which she opened with prayer. The treasurer reported for the year 1973 total receipts and balances of \$36,004.91. Payments of \$29,015.29 left a balance of \$5,270.31 in the General Fund against continuing major costs of publishing the *Helping Hand*, *Sabbath Visitor*, *Beacon*, and programming among churches. Balances in other funds anticipate costs for Pre-Con Retreats, youth field programming and administration.

The executive secretary reported on the settling of the new office with considerable correspondence and field work. Several committee meetings have already been held in the new suite. He reported on denominational projects in which he has part, on his nomination by Commission to be fraternal delegate to the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ, and on various publicity concerns. He has attended several working conferences: the New York State Council's Representative Assembly and its Amnesty Conference in Syracuse, N. Y. (for the State S.D.B. Coun-

cil); the Children's Bible Series "Discovering the Bible with Children" in Valley Forge, Pa.; national SDBYF officers' retreat in Salemville, Pa.; Family Ministry Staff Conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

Developing workshop materials for contacts with churches, camps, and Sabbath schools demanded much time. He has corresponded and programmed for each of the board's committees as indicated by needs, local church or board requests. He is convener for the North American Baptist Fellowship's youth ministry consultation, at the request of the NABF Executive Committee. He reported collaboration with the Women's Society in preparation for SCSC training and activity, in development of a devotional booklet, and in implementing continuing education for wives of ministers (and other S. D. B. women).

The Camp Program Committee presented results of its searching during the quarter. Primary focus was on a laity-based "Creative Camping Project" proposed by Elmo Randolph and Glen Warner to the Memorial Fund trustees, and referred to our board for coordination. Certain definitions of program and timing were outlined in the committee report. The committee delegated Executive Secretary Clarke to work out details with Elmo Randolph and Clarence Rogers at the national American Camping Association Convention, Feb. 20-23, at Atlanta, Ga. The committee, in collaboration with Randolph and Rogers, will be sending invitations to selected laymen across the nation to become involved in a search for creative skills and experience in outdoor Christian education at the "CCP 74" to be held at Camp Paul

Hummel, July 4-15.

The Camp Committee also recommended that the board take "conference membership" in the Christian Camping International organization. This will bring their resources, along with those of American Camping Association, more easily available to S.D.B. camp leaders.

Ethel Dickinson, chairperson, reported on Resource Development concerns dealt with during the quarter: development of Sabbath teaching materials, scheduling and quality of productions, recommendations of resources, cooperative efforts with the Tract Society, etc. She reported the 1975 resignation of Duane L. Davis as editor-writer of the *Helping Hand*. The board reluctantly accepted his resignation and empowered the committee to search or employ a successor to begin March 1, 1975, on preparation of the Dec. 75 - Feb. 76 *Helping Hand*. The directors also encouraged the committee to assign writers for the Children's Page of the *Recorder*.

Interests of the Church School Program Committee have centered in the "Discovering the Bible with Children" series in which Florence Bowden and Secretary Clarke are consulting partners with representatives from several "free church" sponsors. The directors voted to remain participants, since the series promises to meet several needs of our churches for children's curriculum close to our outlook, though we're unable to publish our own. (Our own Junior Quarterlies in certain units are still available on request from this board. Write for details.) □

REVIEW OF MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held Sunday afternoon, January 27, 1974, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I. President Loren Osborn called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul Burdick following the reading of a resolution of respect and tribute to the late Rev. Harold R. Crandall. There were fifteen members and one visitor, Miss Gay Vaught, in attendance.

Reports from the officers and standing committees were heard and accepted. Executive Vice-President Leon Lawton's report was read in his absence. We were asked to remember in prayer both Secretary Leon Lawton and Conference Secretary Alton Wheeler as they carry on an Ambassadorial Mission Worldwide Tour.

Among items of particular interest by action of the board are the following:

1) The basic policy for home field work was received and certain revisions approved that will make possible giving financial help to churches that cannot employ a full-time pastor (the details to be worked out later).

2) A full and detailed report on African Interests was given, growing out of Miss Sarah Becker's meeting with the committee as she was enroute to her home in Chehalis, Washington. No recommendations were made at this time.

3) It was reported that progress is being made on the building of a new science classroom for Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, thus meeting government requirements in order to be a registered school. Principal Wayne Crandall told of the support being given by the Jamaicans. It is hoped to complete this building project before Mr. Crandall's term of service ends in July 1974. A Memorial Fund grant of \$3,000 has been received—\$2,000 of which is marked "New Opportunities Fund."

4) It was reported with regret that the Rev. and Mrs. Leland E. Davis have declined at this time the call to serve in Guyana on a shortened term of service.

5) Acceptance of the call to service in Jamaica of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mackintosh was noted with joy. It is hoped that they may be able to arrive in Jamaica before Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall return to this country on terminal furlough in July 1974.

6) A letter from Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, associate general secretary of the Division of Overseas Ministries, NCCC was shared which indicated that approval had been given to accept the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society as an affiliated member.

7) The report of the Rev. Dale E. Rood as to his attendance as the appointed representative of the Missionary Board at a Spiritual Life Conference sponsored by the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church, December 27 - January 1, 1974, was accepted with a vote of appreciation.

8) It was reported that the Rev. Mynor G. Soper, home field evangelist, would be in charge of planning an Area Spiritual Retreat for Seventh Day Baptist Ministers to be held at Berea, W. Va., April 30 - May 7, 1974.

9) From the report of the Executive Committee it was noted that Consultant Everett T. Harris was appointed to take "decision making responsibility" of the Missionary Society with the counsel and help of the Executive Committee, during the absence of executive vice-president, Jan. - Apr., 1974. □

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Inasmuch as the Rev. Harold R. Crandall passed from this present life on November 3, 1973, and whereas he had been a member of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society since 1930, serving as President of the Board 1938-1958 and

again 1962-1965 and as Acting Secretary, April 1951 - July 1952; and whereas he was First Vice-President of the Missionary Board and in that capacity chaired the July, 1973, Quarterly Board meeting:

Be it resolved: that the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society now assembled express our deep sorrow at the death of this beloved friend and co-worker in Christ and our sympathy to his loved ones, causing this expression of our respect and sorrow to be spread upon the records of the Society and copy sent to his immediate family. □

RESURRECTION

(Continued from page 16)

living things, and the starry universe; about healing (the leaves of the tree of Life are for healing); about planting and building. We'll enjoy the animals so much more, including "the king of beasts."

The heavenly life will not be an idle one at all, but a most pleasant and rewarding one to experience, indeed, it will be far more interesting there than it is here.

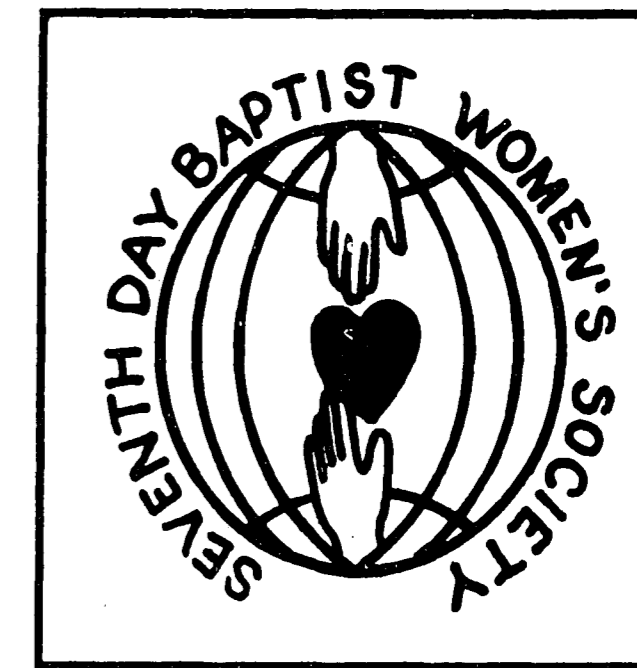
When will the dead be resurrected and immortal life begin? The Scriptures are full in telling us that this will take place at the return, or Second Coming, of our Savior Jesus Christ. First Thess. 4:13-17 is just one such passage.

Dear reader, in order for anyone now living on earth to be bodily changed in that last great resurrection day, we must first be changed inside. We must receive a new heart from Jesus, a new birth, changed inwardly by the power of the Spirit of God. It is this sinful, only once-born mortal person who cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. When we simply ask Jesus to come into our hearts to make us the kind of Christian person He wants us to become, He promises to answer your prayer; He *will* come in.

The return of Jesus Christ is the only hope to straighten out the awful and sinful mess this world is in. As Christians, our most valid work to do in the world is to witness by word and by life to others of the glorious hope that is in us from Jesus Christ. If we will do this for Him we can have the confidence to "know that when he appears we shall be like him." 1 John 3:2. AMEN!

AN AREA OF CONCERN . . .

REVITALIZING THE LOCAL WOMEN'S CIRCLE



by Madeline Fitz Randolph

It is quite evident that the great burden of concern among women in the local church is the lack of interest in scheduled meetings. We have heard all the "reasons" for nonattendance that ever were conceived in the mind of womankind.

What would be the reaction of the average local church woman if this listing appeared in the classified section of the local paper: WANTED: A small group of women to meet together twice a month to promote the work of the church? Would she wonder "why"? This would be a simple advertisement, without any sales pressure such as that which we experience each day of our lives. Today's mass media advertising borrows much of the language of Christianity. The sales pitches we hear appeal to the needs of all of us for faith, truth, love, and power. A hamburger stand and a supermarket "care"; a cola is "the real thing"; a mouthwash brings you "face to face"; a deodorant "takes the worry out of being close"; an automobile of quality gives you "something to believe in"; and so on ad infinitum. Although we are not taken in by these claims, nonetheless we are influenced in our buying by associating the name of the product with the feeling that it satisfies an inner need.

As Christian women, we know that we do really have something to believe in; that our faith is the *real thing*; our church offers through the life of Christ the things which matter most in life; that the women in our "circle" really "care." We know, too, that as we combine our efforts in the name of Christ we can have more power to do His work here in our communities.

As Christian women, we are all aware that Christ speaks through

human beings to other human beings. Even so, we are sometimes very reluctant to try to "sell" His way to others. Consider the door-to-door sales person, how she puts her heart into selling. She "makes contacts" for the purpose of winning friends for her employer. She knows all about the product she is selling and believes in it. She knows the prospective buyers' needs, and is able to put her in touch with other "satisfied customers." But most important of all the efficient sales person treats the prospective buyer as a friend. There is warmth, "eye contact," sincerity, and much more caring involved in the whole process of selling . . . Can we afford to do less for Christ and His Church?

Since we are already familiar with the "reasons" why the door closes on the sales person just when she is making the "pitch," let us admit that there are no magic answers to the barriers that are thrown up before us. Whatever the "prospective buyer" says, we can best find out the real reasons for "no sale" by listening more than speaking. We can then try to remove as many barriers as possible.

Here are a few suggested answers to common barriers:

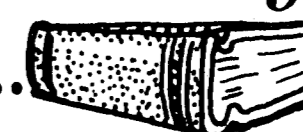
1. Make the group meeting schedule more flexible.
2. Accept the person's own self-prescribed limits. (Don't argue.)
3. Accept differences. (We don't fully understand all of the needs of others.)
4. Counteract apathy with your own enthusiasm and patience.
5. Emphasize the importance of your own group's activity.
6. Be ready with information concerning all phases of the work your group does.

7. Make sure that not one woman is overlooked.

"We make contact — with our own, through acts of love; with our neighbor, through acts of compassion; with the stranger, through acts of justice. We express it best when we 'put love into deeds and make it real.'"

What if we planned a workshop at Conference in Salem, West Virginia, around this very theme, "Revitalizing Your Circle," would your circle send two women to attend? We would need two; one over forty years of age and one under forty years of age. Let us know how this idea strikes you. □

Library Corner



I Heard the Owl Call My Name. By Margaret Craven. Doubleday and Co., Inc. \$4.95.

This story was on television recently. It is a very moving book. A book wherein ever-impending tragedy becomes a triumph. A young vicar, ignorant of the fact he has only about two years to live, is sent by his understanding bishop to work with the coastal Indians of Canada. The young minister learns from the old culture of the Indians while in turn he brings them truths of Christianity. His love prepares the tribe for the inevitable future when it shall cease to exist in its old ways and traditions. In their turn, the tribe prepares the minister for the day when "The Owl (death) Calls His Name."

—N. L. Hersey

**"MIAMI, PAN-AM—
PLAINFIELD, GREYHOUND"**

A letter written in Portuguese with a given date and the above schedule arrived on Friday in our office, and a week later a handsome, slender lad rang the door bell of 510 Watchung Avenue — our denominational headquarters. In halting English, he explained that he was Marcos Petriaggi, the one about whom Pastor Antonio Barrera had written.

Like many travelers he was somewhat distressed that his big suitcase had been misplaced by the bus line, and he needed some attire for the Sabbath. In one of our local department stores, I got my first lesson on the way that one who speaks a foreign tongue makes his wants known to clerks who know only English. With an infrequent use of a Spanish-English dictionary, and with wonderful patience on the part of Marcos and the clerks, the purchase was made. Thus began an enlightening and interesting weekend — a joy for us and we hope satisfying to Marcos.

Marcos, a Brazilian Christian, and "raised a Seventh Day Baptist from birth," is a junior in Sao Paulo University, and now he has felt a call to study to become a Seventh Day Baptist minister. He was introduced to us by the Rev. Antonio Barrera who learned of our USA Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education when he was a delegate from the Brazil Seventh Day Baptist Convention to the sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation held in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1971. Upon Pastor Barrera's recommendation, Marcos came to us for counsel regarding training in a United States theological school. He was presented to the Plainfield church on the Sabbath and gained some ideas of the tasks that are faced by the good folks in our denominational headquarters. We ap-

preciated the manual labor he performed, as well as his supplying us with pertinent information.

Having gained the information he sought, he boarded a bus heading south on Monday morning, stopping to visit our Washington, D.C., and Daytona Beach churches on his way to Miami and home.

We look forward to further contact with this quiet, unassuming lad, who, one day, we believe, will become an outstanding Seventh Day Baptist minister. □

ADDITIONAL STUDENTS

As of the spring term Miss Linda Smith and Mrs. Elaine "Jinx" Stonestrom are participating in the denominational ministerial training program. Miss Smith is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Smith of Roslyn Harbor, N. Y. She is a junior at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. A graduate of Milton College, she had been employed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Stonestrom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kuehn of Orange, Connecticut, and the wife of Mr. Peter Stonestrom, a doctoral candidate at Stanford University. She is a senior at the Pacific School of Religion and will graduate in June. She was a participant in our program while in her junior year at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The entrance of these two ladies brings the total of students in the Center for Ministerial Education program to six. □



Dean Rex Zwiebel and Marcos Petriaggi of Brazil

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRY
MEETING**

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministry will meet at the denominational headquarters in Plainfield, New Jersey, April 15-17, 1974. Those who plan to participate include the chairman, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, Mr. James Skaggs, Dr. Kenneth E. Smith, Dr. K. Duane Hurley, Miss Florence Bowden, and the Rev. Glen Warner.

NEWS NOTES

The Rev. John H. Camenga has resigned as pastor of the Dodge Center, Minnesota, Seventh Day Baptist Church and will become the pastor of the Little Rock, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church early this spring. He has been in Dodge Center since May of 1971, and prior to that served the Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He and his wife, Linda (Van Horn), have two children.

The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Alfred Station, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Zwiebel has served as dean of the Center for Ministerial Education of the denomination since October 1970. From 1956 to 1970, he was the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

The time has not been determined when the move from Plainfield to the western New York community will be made. □

NEWS
from the
Churches...



**WASHINGTON CALLS
PETTWAY**

The Rev. John P. Pettway, Sr., has accepted the call to be pastor of the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

An installation ceremony was held during the Sabbath morning service on March 9. Those attending and taking part in the service included the Rev. Charles Graffius, pastor of the Salemville German Church, representing the Southeastern Association; the Rev. Rex Zwiebel, dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, where Pastor Pettway has been continuing his studies; and former pastor, the Rev. Delmer Van Horn, now serving the Lost Creek, West Virginia, Church.

For the past two years Rev. Pettway has served the Washington Church as assistant to the pastor and then as assistant pastor.

Residents of Washington, D.C., for over twenty years, the Pettways now live across the street from the church at 4705 16th St., NW (Phone 829-9294).

—Communications Committee

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Seventh Day Baptist Association will hold its eighty-third session with the church at Fouke, Ark., July 4-7, 1974. Russell Davis of Fouke is president.

Camp Miles will be held the following week with Pastor Leslie A. Welch as director. It will be in a new location — Camp Bever Fork, a Freewill Baptist Camp between Conway and Greenbriar, Ark.

—Clifford A. Beebe

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA**

That's right, of all places — a new S. D. B. fellowship has put down roots and begun worshipping together in Sioux Falls, South Dakota! Sioux Falls, a growing riverport community with 80,000 people, four colleges, major industrial growth, and lots of room, make this an ideal community for this new reach-out attempt.

The group is presently meeting regularly on Sabbath mornings for worship and fellowship together. An ad has been started in a local newspaper to advertise our meetings and determine any interest in the area. Plans in the process for the summer include door-to-door witnessing, a midweek Bible study and camping evangelism.

We here in Sioux Falls, though yet small in numbers, are excited about the possibilities for S.D.B.'s and what God can do in our community. What we need to get started is you; whether you are a student looking for a good school, parents looking for a healthy atmosphere to raise your family in, or someone just looking for an explicit opportunity where you can do something specific for the Lord.

We are praying that God will rejuvenate a desire within you to be actively involved in building His Kingdom here on earth. If you are interested in helping in Sioux Falls, contact Phil Burrows,

1605 Crestview Drive
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103.

—Robert Babcock

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
TORONTO, CANADA**

A new Seventh Day Baptist witness has recently been established in Toronto, Canada. Leaders of the group are Mr. and Mrs. Herlitz H. Condison formerly of Jamaica. The group was visited by the Rev. Leon Lawton in December 1973, at which time arrangements were made for a place of worship.

Sabbath services are held at 10:00 a.m. in the Temple Baptist Church, 14 Dewhurst Blvd. (off Danforth Avenue), in the east end of Metropolitan Toronto. Seventh Day Baptists who are in the Toronto area are invited to call Mr. Condison at (416) 694-3728 or Mrs. Isolyn Sinclair (416) 783-2639.

Mr. Condison asks: "Please pray for us as we seek to establish a Seventh Day Baptist witness here in this city of three million people. We are few and weak but whom we seek to serve is strong and what we seek to do can be done through Christ who strengthens and keeps us."

This group makes the fourth new Seventh Day Baptist witness established in the past three months. Praise the Lord — Seventh Day Baptists are "Reaching Out Now."

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
GENERAL CONFERENCE**

August 11-17, 1974

Salem College

Salem, West Virginia

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MARLBORO, N. J.— The Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church is continuing to live for the Lord. Several of our youth attended the Wapenjer Youth Retreat in Washington, D. C. Others took part in a Lay Witness Mission. The West District Hymnsing was held in Marlboro with a good attendance. A Box Social-Talent Night provided an interesting and fun evening.

The Ladies Aid packed fruit boxes for the sick and shut-ins at Christmas. Jonathan A. Davis had charge of the white Christmas program. Mrs. Jonathan B. Davis beautified the church with decorations.

Stewardship Sabbath was observed with Leland Cobb and Ray Froding, who planned the service. January 5 was joint Communion at Marlboro with Shiloh joining with us and Pastor Charles Bond delivering the message, "Jesus, the Giver of Life." John 10:7-15. Pastor Don Richards visited his mother in Riverside, California, for nine days. The young people did an excellent job during his absence on the theme, "Faith."

January 6 was the annual church business meeting and dinner. The Rev. Don Richards was extended another call for two years. The Week of Prayer, January 6-11, was held at Shiloh Prayer Chapel, with Marlboro participating. A Boy Scout dinner was served January 9 in the church basement by the Ladies Aid. Marlboro was invited to be with Shiloh during Secretary David Clarke's visit here February 3-9.

Clothing and miscellaneous items have been collected for distribution at Crites Mt., West Virginia, and for a family in Camden, New Jersey. Members have been on the radio with "Dial a Devotion" and Pastor Richards was interviewed on "Meet Your Minister."

The Holy Spirit Study Group and small group meetings still continue. The Senior and Junior C. E. meet on Sabbath afternoons. The Senior C. E. sponsored a breakfast to meet the expenses of the *Beacon*. Sabbath Eve Bible study is on the "Ten Basic Steps to Christian Maturity."

—Correspondent
WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington D. C. Seventh Day Baptist Church Second Annual Spiritual Life Conference, which was sponsored by PEACH (Peace Eternal as Christ's Helpers), was held

from Thursday, December 27, 1973 through Tuesday, January 1, 1974. The theme of the conference was "Faith in Action Through Christ's Appointment."

Conference activities featured missionary and other guest speaker-participants who included the following: the Honorable Jennings Randolph, Senator from West Virginia; Rev. Dale E. Rood, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society representative; Mrs. John Bibb, secretary of the Prince George's Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship; J. Grant of the Wycliffe Translators; Stan Green, area representative of the Navigators; Robert Hancock, International Students representative; Daniel Rigney of the American Board of Missions to the Jews; Joe Younglove of WCTN (a Christian radio station in Potomac, Md.); and Larry Phipps and Bob Highland, representatives of Full Gospel Businessmen.

The several days of the Conference were entitled Day of the Genesis, Day of the Psalms, Day of the Ephesians and Day of the Judges, respectively. The richly rewarding events of these days included pertinent and inspiring messages from our speakers, worship in song, teaching and demonstrations, films and filmstrips, fellowship meals, literature evangelism, relevant sightseeing activity, testimonies, and a Holy Communion service which provided an ideal beginning for the new year.

Evaluation: The entire Spiritual Life Conference was a definite blessing to all who attended.

—Communications Committee
DUNDEE, MICH.— The Church of God (Seventh Day) at Petersburg, Mich., hosted a fellowship meeting in which three Sabbathkeeping denominations were represented: Church of God, Lord Our Righteousness, and Seventh Day Baptist.

Guest speaker for the service was Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, who spoke on, "The Value of the Sabbath and True Sabbathkeeping."

There were some 125 present for the fellowship meeting. Quartets and choirs from the local churches rendered musical presentations. More such meetings are planned for the future. William H. McCann is pastor of the host church.

—The Sabbath Sentinel

SALEMVILLE, PA. (English) — It has been many months since we've let our Christian friends know what we have been doing in our church.

We had four new members added to our deaconate. They were: Joe Boyd, Beth Boyd, Robert Claycomb, Jr., and Eileen Claycomb. A dedication service was held and our sister churches of the association were invited.

A service was held, in which two babies were dedicated: Brenda Sue Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roberts; and Leslie Ann Kagarise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kagarise.

Several dedicated their time to helping with Camp Joy during the summer. They were: Kathy Ebersole, Karen Fletcher, Pastor and Mrs. Mel Stephan, and Lois Fletcher. They came home inspired as much as the campers.

Conference and Pre-Con were a great inspiration to our members who attended. Those attending Pre-Con were Randy Kagarise, Bob Kagarise, and Jocelyn Fletcher. They grew much spiritually and our prayers go with them, that they will continue to grow all the days of their lives. Praise the Lord!

Sabbath School is held every week before church with an average attendance of forty. Several young people participate in the leadership of Sabbath School.

The joint Youth Fellowships and Juniors of the two Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Churches had a Christmas program on December 22. Their activities range from visiting older folks in rest homes to selling candy bars to earn money for Pre-Con. The YF meets every other week at the German Church, under the leadership of Grace King. The Juniors, under the leadership of Mary Ellis, Debbie Kagarise, and Yvonne Stephan, meet every week at the English Church.

The Women's Society meets once a month. We have served many fellowship meals, had bake sales, and had a special Women's Day of Prayer in November, which included ten churches in our area. Forty-three attended, and gifts were given to help slow-learning children. We also contribute to Our World Mission, Camp Joy, and the SCSC program. We are looking forward to, and working for, a new kitchen for our recreation area.

Our minister, Mel Stephan, has worked to reach young people who haven't had a chance to learn about the glory of God. There are now nine who come regularly. We pray that their enthusiasm in the Lord will be carried home, and through God's Word and time, their parents will come to know the Lord.

We pray that 1974 will help us all grow spiritually within ourselves and to reach out and tell others that we are Christians and Seventh Day Baptists. — Correspondent

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — Twelve couples, including Pastor and Mrs. Herbert Saunders reaffirmed their wedding vows at the end of the church service, February 9. The sermon, "Because We Care," emphasized the day-by-day initiatives necessary for creating a happy Christian marriage.

The Women's Society sponsored an open house for Charles North and Mrs. Bettie Wolfe at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bevis on Sunday afternoon, February 10. A large group of church friends gathered to wish them happiness in their coming marriage. Their wedding took place in Levittown, Pa., February 14, and they honeymooned in Bermuda.

The following Sabbath afternoon a number of adults and young people distributed leaflets in the neighborhood of the church inviting people to attend the free evangelistic movie, "For Pete's Sake," the next afternoon. Fifty or more attended in the afternoon, and at least fifty in the evening, when the congregation and their friends were invited. There was an offering that evening for the Billy Graham Association.

A baptismal service is planned for April, preceded by personal or group studies on Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and church membership.

—Ruth Parker, Correspondent

ALFRED, N. Y.— Sabbath worship January 12, was especially significant for members of the Alfred church. Not only did they celebrate the Lord's Supper, but also ordained two deaconesses, Mrs. A. J. C. (Agnes) Bond and Mrs. Harold (Beverley) Snyder, and one deacon, Mr. Harold Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have been junior deacon and deaconess for several years.

After the candidates presented their statements, Pastor Johnson

and Frank Snyder, church president, gave charges to them and the service of laying on of hands by the elders, deacons, and deaconesses of the church completed the ordination service.

There was a reception for the new diaconate following the business meeting on Sunday, January 13.

On Sunday, January 27, the Alfred Committee for Christian Education sponsored a highly successful six hour LeaderLab for area church leaders. Representatives of four churches met for a most helpful time of sharing activities to become better acquainted, a short study of the book of Job, a discussion of the philosophy of church leadership, and a light supper.

The Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary for the Board of Christian Education, directed the LeaderLab.

It is the consensus of opinion of those attending that everyone having the opportunity to attend meetings directed by Mr. Clarke should be urged to attend.

—Mary Clare

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.— The fellowship here has been greatly blessed in the past quarter. In early October, the women of the church met to reorganize the Rosa Palmberg Missionary Society in response to the expressed need for a closer fellowship. The response to the monthly meetings has been strong and the fellowship good. It was decided, at the first meeting, that there was a need to know more about and be more involved in our SDB missions, thus the programs consist of presentations from returned missionaries, and projects to aid our missionaries on the field in their work.

After the women decided to reorganize, the men decided there was a definite need among themselves for closer ties, so they began meeting once a month for dinner at a restaurant in the area. Their fellowship has been blessed as they eat together and as each shares with the group what his occupation is. Response to this group has been good also, and God is certainly blessing as our people spend more time in an, "I'd like to get to know you better" atmosphere.

—Janie Mackintosh
Correspondent



Kenneth A. Babcock, Director, Corporate Support Programs, Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin.

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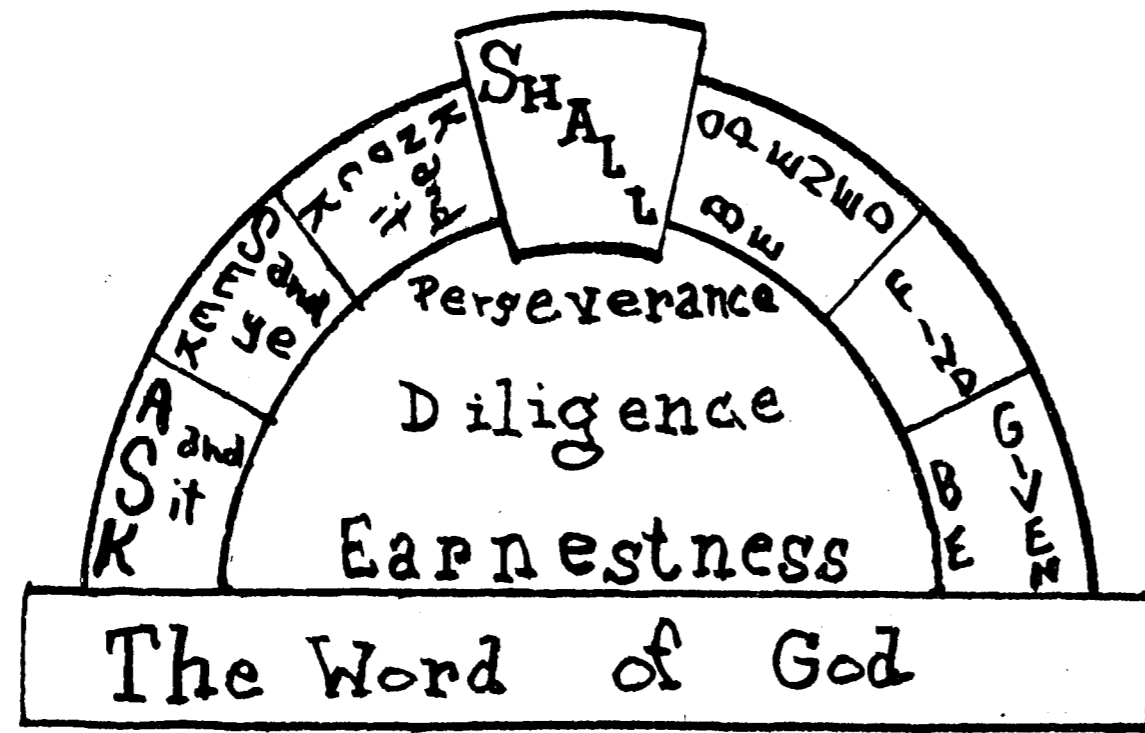
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The law of averages still works. If enough calls are made, some of them are bound to "pay off." Don't stay too long. Learn to communicate—say what you mean, don't beat around the bush. Expressing one's appreciation is so important and when you write, "warm up" your letters. Concentrate on your strengths; you can't be an authority in every area.

Don't be afraid to ask. If you don't ask, you don't receive. Be willing to admit mistakes and also to say, "I don't know, but I'll find out." He who hesitates is lost, so be prepared and this will give you the confidence you need. There is a place in this life for courage. It's there if you look for it. Have fun at something. I "charges your batteries." For me it's rewiring the house, working in a garden, playing golf.

It's time to close and I will mention an incident I can never forget. A family had just lost its father through a heart attack. There was the young widow and four children, the youngest a baby. Calling door to door in our neighborhood, I walked by the dingy, dim lighted room of a bachelor in a house where there were Rooms for Men. I thought, Mr. Orr wouldn't be interested. He worked at the local lumber yard. Something told me to go back. He reached in his pocket and handed me a \$20 bill. The light was so dim I thought he hadn't seen clearly and so I questioned him. He replied, "It isn't much for a young mother of four children who has just lost her husband, is it?"

What an impression that made on me. What great satisfaction one can get out of doing for others. One of our little first grade songs had a line which ended, "... I like the best of all the things I give away." □



by Kenneth and Doris Van Horn

Boys and girls, here is a picture of an arch: *The Arch of Prayer*. Any good arch has to have, at least, three main or special or main parts: The foundation, the stones of which the arch is made, and the keystone. So it is in this prayer arch. The foundation is *The Word of God*; the stones are what Jesus told us to do in prayer; and the keystone is the positive promise God gives so that we know our prayers will be answered. If we do what God wants us to do, they way God wants us to do it, and when He wants us to do it, we can be very sure that God will keep His promise.

Jesus said that we are to *ask*, which is the first stone. His promise is that it *shall be given*, which is the stone on the opposite side of the arch of prayer. He said, also, that we are to *seek* or to look for what He wants us to do, and His promise is that we *shall find*. Then He tells us to *knock* at His door and it *shall be opened* and we can enter.

Along with *asking, seeking, knocking*, we are to do these in a certain way. Look inside the arch. Do you know what *perseverance* is? It means to keep *asking, seeking, knocking*. Do you know what *diligence* is? It means to work very hard and carefully at *asking, seeking, knocking*. Do you know what *earnestness* means? It means to try our very best to *ask, seek and knock* to find out what God wants us to do.

"Ask and it shall be opened unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

Before Jesus was born, and, again, before He was crucified, there were those who told others about Him. Also, when Jesus arose from the dead, He met with His disciples and told them to "Go into all the world and tell the good news to everybody." Each of the

following told someone about the Lord Jesus. Put the number of the one who told beside the name of the one(s) who heard the good news about Jesus:

1. Andrew (John 1:40-41) Ethiopian Man
2. Angels (Luke 2:8-11) Friends from the City
3. Barnabas (Acts 14:6, 7, 12) Lydia
4. Blind Man (John 9:8-11) Men of Judea
5. Paul (Acts 16:14) Neighbors
6. Peter (Acts 2:14) People of Lyconia
7. Philip (Acts 8:26, 27) Philippian Jailer
8. John the Baptist (Luke 3:12, 16) Publicans
9. Samaritan Woman (John 4:39) Simon Peter
10. Ananias (Acts 9:17) Shepherds
11. Silas (Acts 16:25-31) Saul

Most boys and girls your age know how to use the telephone, so here is God's telephone number: 537-33 3. Now you look at your telephone dial and find out where I got God's telephone number. Hint: it is a book of the Bible with the chapter and verse. Find it and read what God will do for you.

A HIVE OF BEES

- B hopeful, B cheerful, B happy, B kind,
- B busy of body, B modest of mind,
- B earnest, B truthful, B firm and B fair;
- Of all, Miss B Havior B sure to B-ware;
- B-think, ere you stumble, of what may B-fall;
- B true to yourself, and B faithful to all.
- "Be not overcome of evil,
- but overcome evil with good."

— Romans 12:21 □

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
April 28, 1974

The Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, 120 Main Street, Westerly, R. I. 02891 on Sunday, April 28, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect Voting Members, a Board of Managers and Officers to hold office until the next Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and Officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973.
3. To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.
4. To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 26, 1974 as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

Accessions

- DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.
Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Pastor
- By Letter:
Rev. Leon M. Maltby
Mrs. Leon (Iris) Maltby
Mr. Alan R. Crouch
Mrs. Alan (Janette) Crouch
Mr. David S. Davis
Mrs. David (Bernice) Davis
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Rev. John P. Pettway, Sr., Pastor
- By Baptism:
Timothy Dickinson
- By Testimony:
Mrs. John (Gwendolyn) Pettway
LOST CREEK, W. Va.
Rev. Delmer Van Horn, Pastor
- By Letter:
Clayton E. Pinder
Mrs. Clayton (Leora) Pinder
Carol Pinder
Edward Pinder
Lisa Pinder
- By Baptism:
Dennis Bond
Brian Bond
Steven Davis
Susan Pinder

Marriages

- Deiss - Lippincott.— Allory Paul Deiss and Dawn S. Lippincott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin C. Lippincott, were united in marriage, the evening after the Sabbath, December 29, 1973, in the sanctuary of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the bride, officiated.
- Fleming - Randolph.— Steven Lane Fleming and Pamela Annette Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Randolph, were united in marriage on September 22, 1973, in the sanctuary of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn, pastor of the bride, officiated.
- Henry - Lowe.— Randy Henry of Garden Grove, Calif., and Carmen Lowe of Huntington Beach, Calif., were united in marriage on December 22, 1973, in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Henry of San Pedro. The Rev. Roy Marrs, a personal friend of the couple, officiated.
- North - Wolfe.— Charles H. North and Bettie M. Wolfe were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church in Levittown, Pa., on February 14, 1974, by the Rev. Dr. John H. Spahr, assisted by the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders and the Rev. William L. Steele.
- Novotny - Bond.— Michael Samuel Novotny and Debra Rene Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bond, were united in marriage on August 3, 1973, in the sanctuary of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn, pastor of the bride, officiated.

Births

- Brannon.— James Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brannon of North Loup, Nebr., January 30, 1974, at St. Paul, Nebr.
- Discher.— A daughter, Ericka Lynn, to Michael and Marilyn (Bennett) Discher of Battle Creek, Mich., on February 11, 1974.
- Driver.— A daughter, Dawne Noelle, to James and Cheryl (Austin) Driver of Dodge Center, Minnesota (now of Seoul, Korea), on December 26, 1973.
- Groves.— A daughter, Stephanie Lynn to James and Sharon (Austin) Groves of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 26, 1973.
- Walker.— William Logan, Jr., a son, born to William and Michelle (Trede), December 8, 1973, in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Wallmow.— A son, Richard Wayne, to Richard and Diana (Baum) Wallmow of Edgerton, Wis., on December 25, 1973.

Obituaries

- KENYON.— Catherine Langworthy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Langworthy in Alfred Station, N. Y., in 1897 and died Dec. 16, 1973, in Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- At an early age she joined the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active in it till she moved to Niagara Falls where she and her family spent the last fifty-one years of her life. She was a deaconess, organist and worker in various church projects. She became an active member of the First Baptist Church in Niagara Falls and its Ladies Auxiliary and Fireside Mother's Club.
- She is survived by her husband, S. Spicer Kenyon, 2442 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, by sons David and Robert, and by a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Richard Brow) and six grandchildren.
- Memorial service was held at the Alfred Station S. D. B. Church by Rev. David Clarke. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. —D. S. C.

- BROWN.— Miss Myra S., daughter of George Taylor and Emily Douse Brown, was born August 26, 1885 in Bridgewater, N. Y., and died February 2, 1974, in Faxton Hospital, Utica, N. Y.
- At an early age she moved with her parents to Leonardsville, N. Y. She graduated from Alfred University in 1909 and later received the M.A. degree in German language from Columbia University and M.A. in Latin from Syracuse University. She taught in public schools in New York and Pennsylvania for thirty-five years and retired in 1947. She returned to Leonardsville in 1950 and lived with her sister Helen who died last November.

She was a faithful and active member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church serving as trustee for many years. She belonged to the Garden Club and was treasurer of the Leonardsville Cemetery Association.

Two other sisters now deceased were, Harriet (Mrs. Edgar D. Van Horn) and Edna (Mrs. Louis C. Livermore).

Surviving are two nieces, Mrs. Margaret Kenyon of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Elizabeth Hallwich of Leonardsville, and two nephews, Donald Van Horn of Almond, N. Y., and Eugene Van Horn of Alfred, N. Y.

The memorial service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Neal D. Mills. Burial will be in the Leonardsville Cemetery. —N. D. M.

DAVIS.— Mrs. Cressa E. (Craw) Davis died at the age of eighty-five in Marshall, Michigan, on February 18, 1974, after a long illness. She was the widow of Fred Davis.

Mrs. Davis was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, and came to a farm outside of Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1916. Cressa and Fred moved to Highgrove, California, in 1946, and returned to Marshall in 1968. She was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Douglas A. (Ada) Davis of Battle Creek,

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 1974

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	February	2 months			February	2 months	
Adams Ctr NY	\$ 159.35	\$ 159.35	\$ 20.00	Salem WV	251.32	637.57	100.00
Albion WI	75.61	75.61	20.00	Salemville PA	55.00	110.00	200.00
Alfred NY	622.75	922.30	195.00	Schenectady NY		20.80	
Alfred Station NY	204.10	445.40	30.00	Seattle WA		87.81	
Ashaway RI	126.86	1,073.46	165.00	Shiloh NJ	1,682.65	1,682.65	80.00
Assns & Groups	28.93	28.93	30.00	Siskiyou CA			
Battle Creek MI	985.89	985.89	60.00	Stonefort IL	30.00	120.00	20.00
Bay Area CA		145.00		Texarkana AR			
Berea WV	56.00	81.00		Verona NY		92.00	40.00
Berlin NY	118.24	476.20	30.00	Walworth WI	60.00	130.00	
Boulder CO	91.76	228.44	20.00	Washington DC			30.00
Brookfield NY	92.50	92.50	20.00	Waterford CT		193.80	90.00
Buffalo NY				Westerly RI			264.75
Dallas Fellowship				White Cloud MI	79.25	156.54	10.00
Daytona Beach FL	100.00	480.00	20.00				
Denver CO	54.39	134.27	10.00	Totals	\$10,199.20	\$16,612.65	\$2,814.75
De Ruyter NY			10.00	Non-Budget	706.13		
Dodge Center MN	368.13	368.13	40.00	Total To Disburse	\$10,905.33		
Farina IL	67.63	67.63	10.00	FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS			
Fouke AR			10.00	Board of Christian Education		\$ 910.24	
Hammond LA				Council on Ministry		508.76	
Hebron PA	85.50	174.70		Historical Society		5.78	
Hopkinton RI			30.00	Ministerial Retirement		315.41	
Houston TX	90.00	90.00	10.00	Missionary Society		4,141.25	
Independence NY	29.00	149.50	30.00	Tract Society		1,300.79	
Individuals	60.00	130.45	160.00	Trustees of General Conference		16.70	
Irvington NJ	950.00	950.00	200.00	Women's Society		84.79	
Kansas City MO	61.17	103.25	.00	World Fellowship and Service		51.55	
Leonardville NY		85.00		General Conference		3,570.06	
Lincoln Fellowship NE						\$10,905.33	
Little Genesee NY	131.05	278.10	10.00	S U M M A R Y			
Little Rock AR	19.20	19.20	20.00	1974 Budget		\$183,650.00	
Los Angeles CA		450.00	50.00	Receipts for two months:			
Lost Creek WV			40.00	OWM Treasurer	\$16,612.65		
Marlboro NJ	352.00	870.25	10.00	Boards	2,814.75		
Metairie LA						19,427.40	
Milton WI	1,055.70	1,055.70	190.00	To be raised by December 31, 1974	\$164,222.60		
Milton Junction WI	51.00	137.00		Percentage of year elapsed	16.6%		
Monterey CA				Percentage of budget raised	10.58%		
New Auburn WI	17.50	17.50	35.00	Two months:			
New Milton WV	75.00	85.00		Due	\$ 30,608.34		
New Orleans LA				Raised	19,427.40		
North Loup NE	700.00	700.00	25.00	Arrears	\$ 11,180.94		
Nortonville KS	170.50	390.00	80.00				
Ohio Fellowship	300.00	340.00					
Paint Rock AL		140.00	65.00				
Phoenix AZ							
Plainfield NJ			115.00				
Putnam County FL	100.00	100.00					
Richburg NY	107.22	214.72	40.00				
Riverside CA	534.00	1,068.00	60.00				
Rockville RI		69.00	20.00				

and Mrs. Harley (Martha Ann) Butler of San Benito, Texas, a son, Corivin D. Davis of Bellevue, Michigan, sixteen grandchildren, and thirty-six great-grandchildren.

Graveside service and burial were in Porter Cemetery, near Marshall, with the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis officiating.

—S. K. D.

LANGWORTHY.— Lynn L., son of Daniel L. and Agnes Burdick Langworthy was born April 1, 1891, and died unexpectedly February 17, 1974, at his home in Alfred, N. Y.

He was a deacon and member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Langworthy operated a plumbing business in the village until his retirement in 1954. He was a steam engine enthusiast and licensed engineer for most of his life and was a New York State

director of the National Threshers Association.

Survivors include his widow, the former Anna May Ryno; three daughters: Mrs. Wayland Cornelius of Alfred Station, N. Y., Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn of Hebron, Pa., and Mrs. Keith Soper of Oshkosh, Nebr.; two sons: Russell of Northfield, Minn., and Leland of Chittenango; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral and committal services were held at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

EDITORIAL

The Concrete Jungle

Christ "when he saw the multitudes was moved with compassion . . . because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

—Matthew 9:36

When Jesus was here on earth His ministry included the villages and cities of His country. The people of the cities were neglected in those days as they often are today. Christ did what He could by taking a personal interest in the urban people. Jerusalem was the largest city of His country and He was so moved by the challenge there that "when He came in sight of the city, he wept over it . . ." (Luke 19:41 NEB).

Christ went into the cities of His day to share the gospel message. Today, we who are His representatives should also enter the cities with His message of joy, hope, peace, and love. Varner J. Johns in his book, *Christ in the Concrete City*, describes the physical and spiritual needs of our great cities. He discusses what Christians are doing and what they can do to reach the millions who live in what he calls the "Concrete Jungle."

Seventh Day Baptists, as a rule, are rural people. In this country we have seen a national movement from the farm to the urban areas. Unfortunately, we have not followed our people into the cities and thus we have suffered a substantial decline in membership. Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships are found in only twelve of the fifty largest cities in the United States. This same movement to the city has weakened or destroyed many of our rural churches. But this is no time to dwell in the past. We are

responsible for today. The urban and rural areas of our nation constitute our responsibility as Seventh Day Baptist Christians in 1974. What will we do about it?

"A vision without a task is a dream;
a task without a vision is drudgery;
a vision and a task is the hope of the world."

Jesus predicted the chaos and troubles of the cities of our day. As He grieved over Jerusalem, He grieves over our modern cities — the "concrete jungles." He urges, He pleads, He commands, but He does not force man to accept His better way. He has a work for each of us. He wants us to have a part in the sharing of His better way with others.

It seems that Seventh Day Baptists are becoming more and more concerned about their witness to the world. We are thrilled as we hear of new churches and fellowships being organized, and of new life in some of our older churches. It is time for us to truly "Reach Out" as we seek to fulfill our task in the "Concrete Jungle" and the rural areas of our nation.

Henry Ward Beecher wrote that "when God wanted sponges and oysters, He made them, and put one on a rock, and the other in the mud. When He made man, He did not make him to be a sponge or oyster; He made him with feet and hands, and head and heart, and vital blood, and a place to use them, and he said to him, 'Go Work!'"

Christ said to His disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"

—Matthew 8:37, 38 □

Church, the Revs. Russell Johnson and Kenneth Van Horn officiating.

—M. C.

SISLER.— Carlton Lee, was born March 2, 1917, and died January 13, 1974, at the age of fifty-six years. He was the son of the late Charles and Alberta Crum Sisler. Farewell services were held on January 18, 1974, at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan, with the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis officiating. Additional services were held at the Davis and Weaver Funeral Home in Clarksburg, W. Va., on January 20, 1974, with the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn officiating. Interment was at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery. Mr. Sisler was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. His occupation was that of a tool and die maker. He is survived by his widow, Nina Barnes Sisler, his mother, two brothers, one son, three daughters and seven grandchildren.

—D. E. V. H.

VAN HORN.— Flo Bailey, was born December 22, 1896, and died January 31, 1974 at the age of seventy-seven years.

She was the daughter of the late Henry Burton and Melinda Bennet Bailey. She

was a retired schoolteacher, and a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Farewell services were held on February 2, 1974, at Koontz Funeral Home, Hamblin, W. Va., with the Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial services were held February 3, 1974, in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn in charge of the graveside rites. Surviving are two sons, Dr. C. Newton Van Horn and Philip B. Van Horn; and a daughter, Mrs. Hannah Petri; and six grandchildren.

—D. E. V. H.

VAN HORN.— William Burl, was born March 20, 1898, and died January 20, 1974, at the age of seventy-five years.

He was the son of the late J. Newton and Zurah Fitz Randolph Van Horn. Farewell services were held on Tuesday, January 22, 1974, at the Koontz Funeral Home, Hamblin, W. Va., with the Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial services were held on January 23, 1974, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery, Lost Creek, W. Va., with the Rev. J. W. Burch officiating. Surviving are his widow, Flo Bailey Van Horn; two sons; Philip B. Van Horn and Dr. C. Newton

Van Horn; a daughter, Hannah Petri; and six grandchildren. Mr. Van Horn was well known and respected as an outstanding educator in West Virginia. He was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

—D. E. V. H.

WILLIAMS.— Melvin Louvelle, son of Henry and Bertha Rood Williams, was born December 12, 1902, at Gentry, Arkansas, and died at the Valley County Hospital, Ord, Nebr., February 6, 1974.

He married Gladys Boyce of Loup City, Nebraska, on January 25, 1939. Five children were born to this union: four sons, Kenneth, Leonard, Merlyn, and Russell; and one daughter, Mrs. John (Mildred) Benson. Mr. Williams was an active and beloved member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

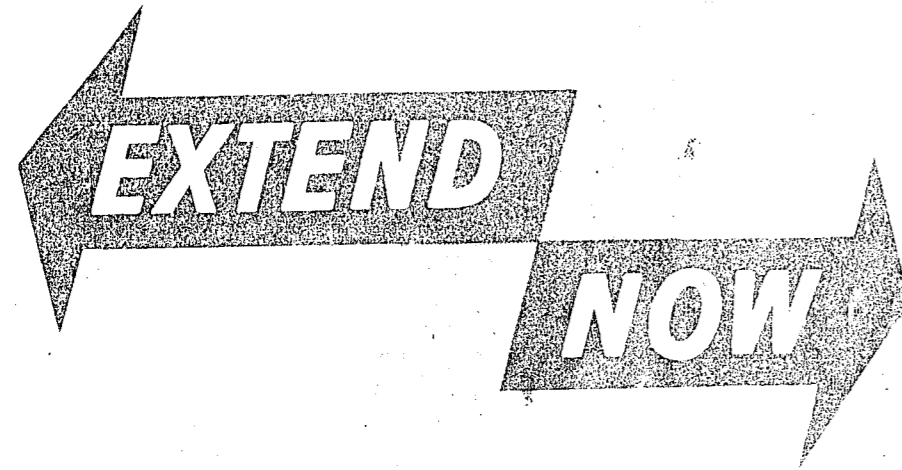
Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Gladys; his five children; seven grandchildren; his brother LeRoss of Kearney, Nebr.

Memorial services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, assisted by the Rev. Mynor Soper. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

—V. W. S.

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When man first landed on the moon his first words were recorded for posterity and have since been frequently repeated: "One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind." Whether or not one agrees with the thinking, reasoning, and expense behind the space program, yet we have to acknowledge that before that moon landing became a reality, someone had to have the vision that it could be accomplished. Then they had to believe in the vision to the point where they were willing to do something about it. It paid off!

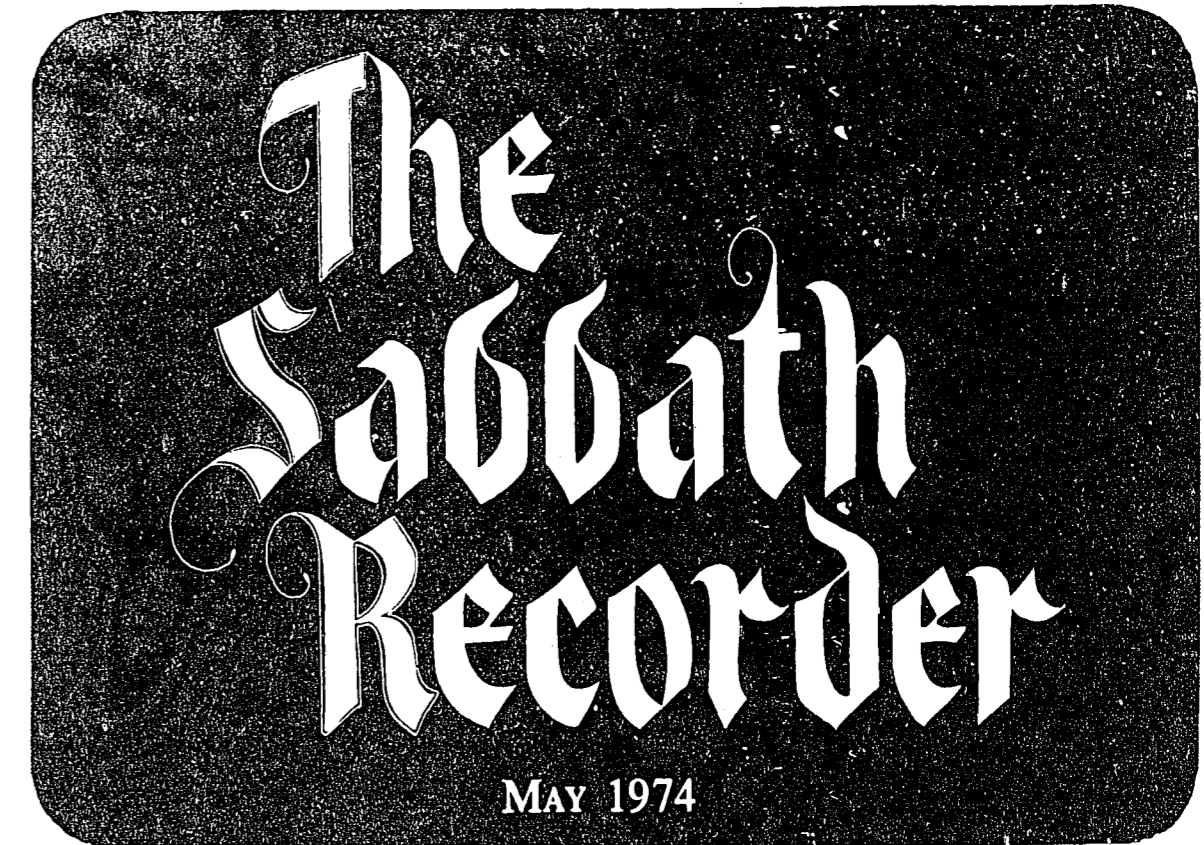
R O N (Reach Out Now) is a vision on the part of Planning Committee of what can happen among Seventh Day Baptists. We have dared to envision many new fellowships and churches emerging in communities where there are presently a few of our people living—maybe as few as one or two dedicated families. We believe, with the new moving of God's Spirit among our people, that many who have in the past been satisfied to do nothing about starting a Seventh Day Baptist church in their area are now ready to take some step toward having a church. If you are one who has been dreaming of someday having a church in your area, but

thought it impossible, why not take the small step of sending in an application for help! R O N is a program designed to help fulfill such visions.

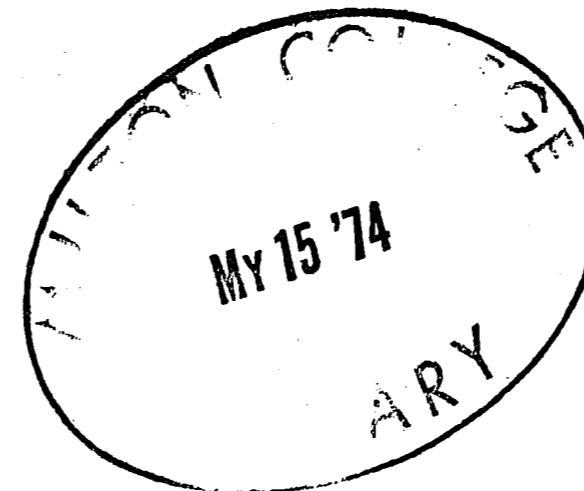
Your boards are prepared to (1) help you make a study of your opportunities, (2) help plan a concerted effort to reach any others in your area who might be interested, (3) conduct a campaign of evangelism to help reach out for Christ, and finally (4) help follow through once the outreach effort has been made.

It is only fair to say that this program is not just for the purpose of starting new churches, but to help churches desiring to Reach Out Now in their areas. Who knows what it can mean for mankind in your area if you take that small step and apply for help to Reach Out Now for Christ? The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." If you have a vision of outreach but have done nothing about it, we would urge you not to put it off any longer. Don't allow the challenge of Reach Out Now (RON) to become Reach Out Tomorrow. Write to the General Secretary for further information.

—Rev. Mynor Soper



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