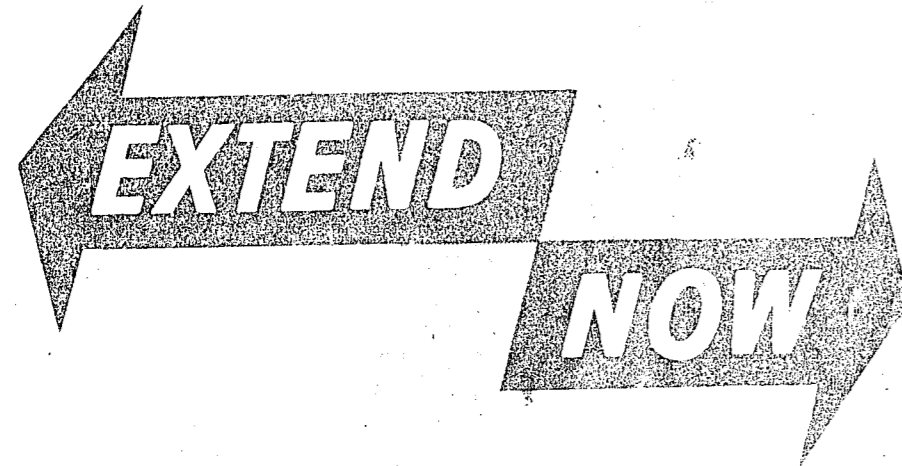


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When man first landed on the moon his first words were recorded for posterity and have since been frequently repeated: "One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind." Whether or not one agrees with the thinking, reasoning, and expense behind 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!

RON (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! RON is a program designed to help fulfill such visions.

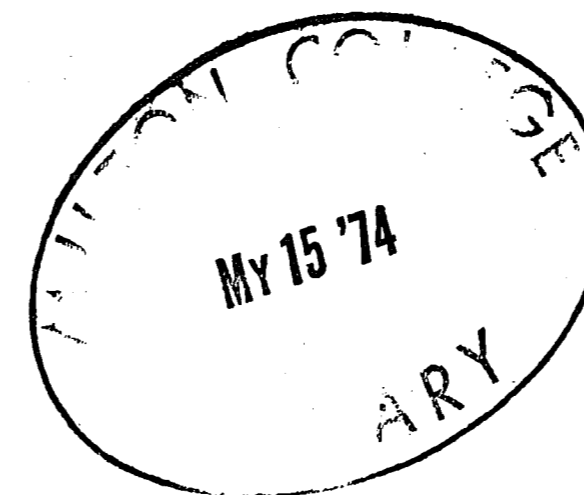
Your boards are prepared to (1) help you make a study of your opportunities, (2) help plan a concerted effort to reach any others in your area who might be interested, (3) conduct a campaign of evangelism to help reach out for Christ, and finally (4) help follow through once the outreach effort has been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



Miss Mabel West



**MISS MABEL WEST**  
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Conference 1974

All new facilities will be available for the 1974 meetings of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference when it meets on the Salem College campus in Salem, West Virginia, August 11-17. K. Duane Hurley, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, has announced that the main business meetings and worship services will be held in the T. Edward Davis Physical Education Building which was just completed this year.

The Davis Building is the latest to be completed on the new Salem College campus, referred to as the "Valley of Learning," located at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue in Salem.

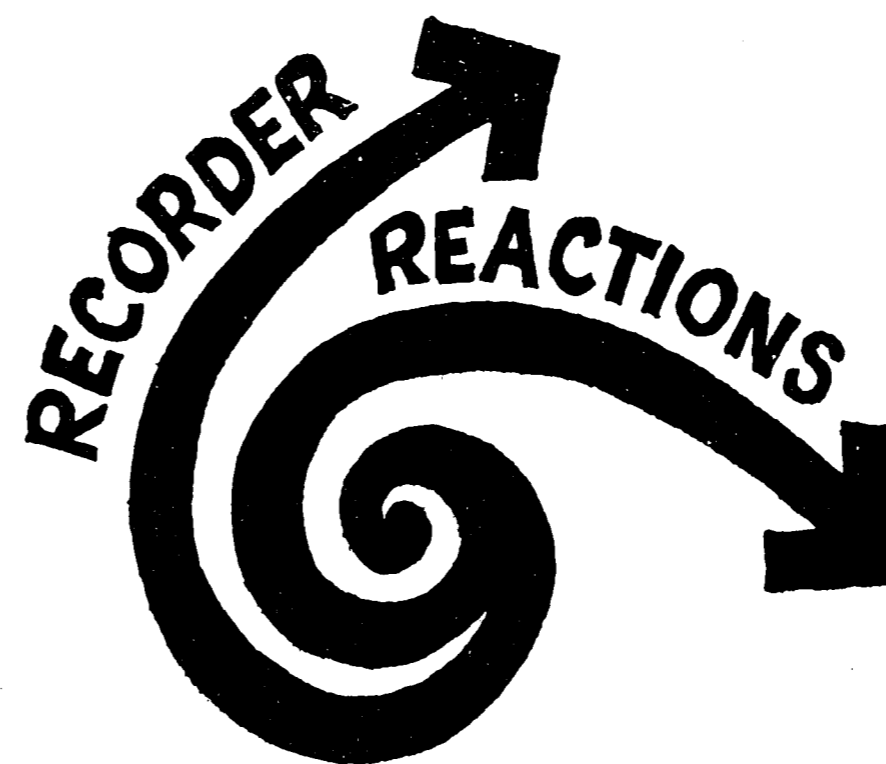
Directly across from the Davis Building is the new Student Life Center which houses the cafeteria, a snack bar, and several other small meeting rooms and reception rooms which will be available for use by Conference delegates.

Next to the Davis Building is the beautiful Benedum Learning Resources Center which will also be open to those attending Conference. These three buildings, which will be the center of Conference activities, are all within easy walking distance of several dormitories where housing is available.

The new facilities are within walking distance of the familiar old Administration Building and Huffman Hall on Main Street in Salem where Conference sessions have been hosted many times in the past. Those who have attended Conference in Salem in years past may feel a touch of nostalgia for the old auditorium in the administration building, but the Salem Host Committee feels that the buildings on the new campus will make this year's Conference the most comfortable and convenient ever held in Salem. □

NEXT MONTH

Theme: "Sharing and Giving." Edited by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thorngate of Washington, D. C.; art work by Mr. Dick Shepard of Billings, Montana. This will be an issue you will want to "share" with others. Order extra copies now: 25 for \$3.00, 50 for \$6.00 or \$10 per hundred. Order from the Sabbath Recorder, Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061.



We are thrilled with the new look of the *Sabbath Recorder*, and the spiritually helpful articles. It is so interesting and encouraging to see the items about new groups and their progress. We thrill with each new branching out — and are vitally interested in the beginning of a work in Sioux Falls, S. D. God is stirring up people all around the States and giving them the courage to take Him at His word and step out in faith. Praise His name!

—June B. Johnson  
Kansas City, Mo.

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We like the new format very much.

—Sandford F. Randolph  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

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Enclosed is our check for our 1974 subscription. The new format is exciting and beautiful. The *Recorder* is well worth reading and sharing with others.

—Mrs. Francis Saunders  
Westerly, R. I.

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Congratulations on the new format, the fresh approach, and the monthly schedule of the *Recorder*. It is heartening to know that changes can be made that don't wrench us completely away from our tradition.

I'm sure that as issue follows issue you will find new and stimulating ways to feature Seventh Day Baptists and their activities as well as keeping us informed of other groups in the "Ecumenical Mix" with which we are involved . . .

—Loren G. Osborn  
Concord, N. H.

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I am enclosing six dollars for a gift subscription. Since I found the Sabbath truth in 1918, I have been reading and enjoying the *Sabbath Recorder*. I find the denominational news an inspirational messages encouraging, and the sermons are food for the soul. I also welcome the new look which the *Recorder* has.

—Mrs. Nettie G. Bottoms  
Farnham, N. Y.

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I am delighted with the new format of the *Sabbath Recorder*. I have enjoyed the *Recorder* in my home for many years and rejoice, as I would with any old friend who might launch out in exciting new avenues of endeavor. May God bless you richly as you continue in His service. Please continue my subscription.

—Mrs. Hamilton S. Galt  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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We received the complimentary copy of the *Sabbath Recorder* in its new format. We subscribed for many years but have missed the *Recorder* the year or so we've been without it. Please find enclosed \$6.00 for a year's subscription.

—Mrs. Ralph H. Weber  
Asheville, N. C.

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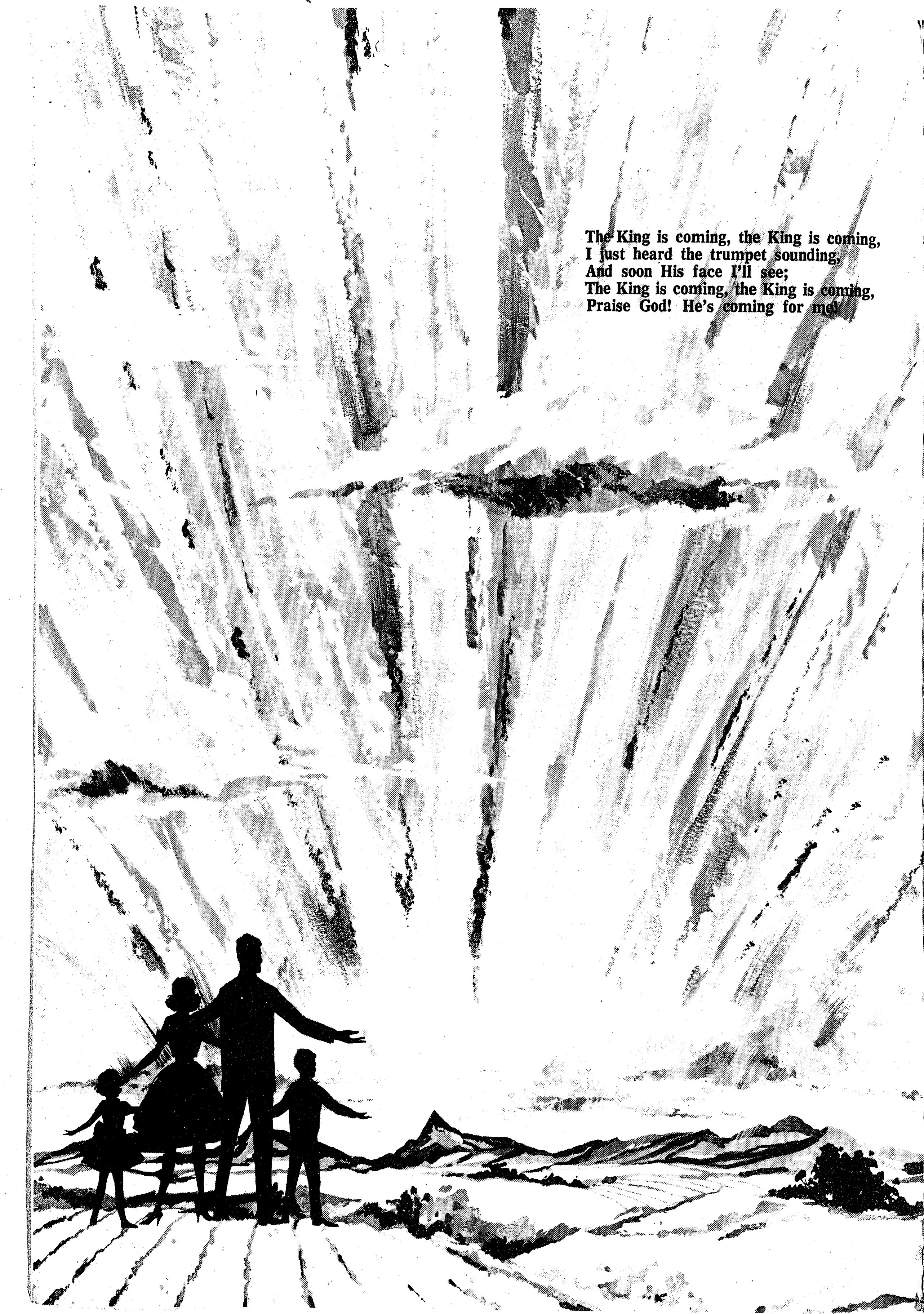
Editor's Note:

We invite our readers to share your reactions to the various articles in the *RECORDER*. We welcome your comments and suggestions. May we hear from you this month?

**DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE**

<b>APRIL 30 - MAY 8</b> Ministers Spiritual Retreat Camp Joy, Berea, W. Va.	<b>MAY 18</b> Mrs. Myrna Cox Women's Society Presentation Marlboro, N. J.
<b>MAY 11-12</b> Rev. Kenneth S. Davis Ohio S. D. B. Fellowship	<b>MAY 23-24</b> Associated Church Press Seminar Editor John D. Bevis New York, N. Y.
<b>MAY 13-17</b> Planning Committee Plainfield, N. J.	<b>JUNE 1-2</b> Central New York Association Brookfield, N. Y.
<b>MAY 17-19</b> Eastern Association Marlboro, N. J.	

# The King is coming



The King is coming, the King is coming,  
I just heard the trumpet sounding,  
And soon His face I'll see;  
The King is coming, the King is coming,  
Praise God! He's coming for me!

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Jesus is coming! Coming in clouds with power and great glory! Coming in person, bodily, visibly! "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," was the announcement to the apostles as they gazed into heaven where a cloud had received the Lord out of their sight (Acts 1:11). This is the great hope of Christians — "that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). As we obey His command, "Go, ye," we look for His return. As we press onward, we look upward.

"The Lord himself shall descend" (1 Thess. 4:16)—in his own majestic personal presence—and Christians will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (v. 17). We find it hard to understand the dread, the terror, the feeling of distaste which many have concerning the truth of the Second Coming. It will be a time of judgment, yes, but not for the believer. If you are fearful, if you tremble at the thought, perhaps you should "check up" and "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). This passage in 1 Thessalonians was written to comfort Christians who had lost loved ones by death and who were anxious about them. Paul, after presenting the facts, says, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (v. 18).

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout" (v. 16). Did you ever try to imagine how the voice of Jesus sounded? Would you like to have heard it? Some day you will. Think of the power, the persuasiveness, the kindness of that voice. When He spoke, the sick were healed, demons were cast out, the dead were raised, those who mourned were comforted, the trou-

bled were encouraged. Here, however His voice is a shout — the shout of a king, of a mighty conqueror, the shout of authority, of command.

"And with the voice of the archangel" — one of the chief angelic powers, a ruler among those "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" of God's hosts, His "ministering spirits" (Rev. 5:11). Perhaps the archangel will announce the Lord's approach, will be the leader of the angelic hosts by whom the Lord will be attended at His Second Coming (Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7). His voice will proclaim Him and His coming, calling for deference for Him, for respect and doing Him homage.

"And with the trump of God" — a fanfare of trumpets, heralding the second advent of Christ. Trumpets introduce the visions in The Revelation. There was "the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud" at Sinai when God gave the Ten Commandments (Exod. 19:16). This will be not only a fanfare, but a bugle call, summoning all to rally to His standard.

What happens at His coming? "The dead in Christ shall rise" (v. 16). His voice saying, "Arise," restored the son of the widow of Nain to his mother (Luke 7:11 ff.). The same word caused the daughter of Jairus to sit up and leave her bier (Mark 5:22 ff.). When He "cried with a loud voice (shouted), 'Lazarus, come forth,'" His friend came from the tomb (John 11:43, 44). John tells us (John 5:25) that "the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

Not only the "shout," but the trumpet, too, has a part in the resurrection. Paul says that "the trumpet

shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible" (1 Cor. 15:52). The bodies in the grave will come out, no longer subject to the natural processes of decay and disintegration, "when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption" (1 Cor. 15:54).

Resurrection of the dead is that blessed hope; but what of us "**which are alive and remain**" (1 Thess. 4:17)? We read that "we shall all be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51). The bodies of those who are alive at His coming will also be changed. As the corruptible bodies of the dead will be incorruptible, so the mortal bodies, of the living will put on immortality. They will no longer be subject to death. Think of it! The corruptible bodies of the dead and the mortal bodies of the living will be "made like unto his own glorious body" (Phil. 3:20, 21) — no more aches and pains, no more weariness, no more fear of death!

Then, when this change shall have taken place, "we shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17) — reunited with our loved ones and going with them to meet the Lord, and spending eternity with Him "whom having not seen, we love."

We realize that we are living in trying and troublous days, and that dark and perilous times are coming. But back of these shadows looms the figure of the coming King, whose victory is as certain as the Word of God, who will take the tangled reins of the world governments, and will set up a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Then, indeed, will be fulfilled that verse with which Handel ends The Messiah: "The kingdoms of this world

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# personality profile

## Miss Mabel West

A woman of God who has spent her life in sharing the gospel of Christian love.



by the  
Honorable Jennings Randolph  
United States Senate

How very pleasant it is to remember Mabel West! How good it is to reminisce about this gentle lady, whose life and labor carry a legacy of love!

Jean Lowther and I have been talking together of our truly wonderful teacher in the years when we were growing boys in our home town of Salem. (Jean and Jennings were in the Class of 1924 at Salem College. He was best man at the wedding of his schoolmate in 1933.)

Miss West's most recent letter came to me on November 5 of last year. She wrote in a steady penned hand that she had seen my "smiling face on the *Recorder*." And she wrote of her mother, Nettie, who lived with Mabel on High Street near the College. She wrote of her visits to China and of her missionary sister, Anna, and of the sacrifices, including her own years in a concentration camp. But mostly she wrote of friends — those of other years and those in Milton now. She reminded me that she taught me as "a 5th grader."

Edna Wilkinson, Frankie Davis, and Cerena Van Noty, all of Battle Creek, Michigan, were taught by Mabel, and they worked with Miss West in practice teaching at Salem College when the classes were held in the old frame building. Recently, at the Salem College Impact dinner in California, Flora Robinson (Sage), who taught with Mabel, gave to me a photograph of Miss West at the time she was teaching there.

In those teaching years at Salem, Mabel emphasized reading with stress on phonetics. The children would sit in a semicircle as she taught the sounding of words as opposed to just recognition of words. She used "flash" cards. For example, Mabel would hold a card with the letters "ba" on it and the pupils would say the sound "ba—," thus creating words from sounds.

Since being asked by the *Recorder* editor to express this remembrance and tribute, I've been rereading the correspondence Mabel and I have enjoyed for many, many years. Her letters have been filled with interesting happenings and her heartfelt thoughts and faith. Through all of them surged the positive mental attitude of the challenge and joys of Christian service.

Let us share some of these expressions that give us an insight into her mind and spirit.

"I am almost 90. Kind people write my checks, mail my letters, etc., take me to church. I am happy and know that God answers my prayers as promised through belief in His Son." And this sentence: "I have memories to make life happier."

Surely in these times of tension and doubt, let us recap her words, "The world needs fighters for peace more than it needs arms." In many letters, she wrote of her hope for world peace. And she has loved nature. "We are having Indian summer here (Milton) with colors aglow in the maple trees. Even the vines and shrubs are gorgeous."

Yes, there are still hundreds of *Recorder* readers who know of

Mabel's thoughtfulness. On February 22, 1962, I read George Washington's Farewell Address, as is custom, in the Senate. She heard of this on a newscast that day over radio. And she wrote immediately. All of her former pupils were always in her classes.

She has often written, asking about the progress of our Washington, D. C., church and of her hopes and prayers for its work and its members. Constant concern for the well-being of others has been her giving of love — often for people in faraway places.

Truly, the precious memories of Mabel West are ever coming back to the thinning ranks of friends and old neighbors and former pupils whose lives have been made the brighter and better for her guidance and inspiration.

Mabel has lighted many lamps and brought cheer to the distressed and distraught and dismayed folks with whom she worked. It's really true to say that she has been a benefactor. Abraham Lincoln talked of the person "who has the heart to help." Mabel has been a helper!

Sister (Ernestine) and I recall when Mabel and her mother were our house guests during a Seventh Day Baptist Conference in the years long gone. She revered and loved Nettie as she has loved thousands of men and women and boys and girls to this hour. Mabel really understands that the test of "our love to God is the love we have one for another."

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# A Call To Prayer

A PROCLAMATION  
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN BODIES OF  
THE NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

God, in His infinite grace, has blessed the people of the United States in many ways. We have not deserved the blessings that are ours; we are conscious that "grace" of God is unmerited mercy towards His children.

Religion is never to be equated with patriotism; God's judgment extends to all governments and to all peoples.

Acknowledging our sins, we recognize our need to seek a high level of morality — personal and public. We are constrained to confess our shortcomings and to seek God's guidance and blessing upon the United States now and in the years ahead.

Two centuries ago the American people were sorely divided in their attitudes toward the governing authorities, and were in a crisis situation that preceded the crystallizing of national unity which created this republic. On June 1, 1774, concerned people of the colonial capital of Virginia observed together a day of prayer, humility, and fasting, centered in services at the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg. We in our churches today would do well to follow this example.

Therefore, we call upon our Baptist people in the United States to observe on June 1, 1974, a day of prayer in their congregations — a day in which we especially examine ourselves and confess in penitence our sins, and a day in which we seek God's renewed blessings upon us and our nation.

We suggest that each Baptist church in the United States arrange for the observance of the day in such a way as its people deem best. Some may wish to have a public devotional service. We particularly commend for consideration a chain of prayer, either as a vigil in the church edifice, or as a scheduled continuum in the respective homes of the members who agree to participate. Such a chain of prayer might appropriately be scheduled for the twenty-four hours which precede the first stated meetings of the church on Sunday (or, in the case of Seventh Day Baptists, follow the last stated meetings of the church on Saturday).

In the words of the hymn writer, Daniel C. Roberts, we would pray:

"Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way."

Baptists of the United States have been called to observe Sabbath, June 1, as a day of thanksgiving, penitence and prayer.

The call is issued by the United States section of the North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Seven major Baptist bodies in the United States are included.

Sloan S. Hodges, president of the Fellowship, said that the June 1 date was chosen because it is the 200th anniversary of a prayer meeting held by members of the Virginia House of Burgesses, a significant event in the prelude to American independence.

Dr. Hodges, who is executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, recalled the event in history to which the June 1 date is connected. It followed receipt in Williamsburg of news of the British government's closing of Boston Harbor. Members of the House of Burgesses, the legislative body elected by the people of colonial Virginia, expressed sympathy for their fellow colonists in Massachusetts, but the royal governor responded by dissolving the house. They therefore marched the few blocks to Bruton Parish Church for prayer.

The proclamation from the North American Baptist Fellowship notes that at the time of the Williamsburg prayer meeting "the American people were sorely divided in their attitudes toward the governing authorities, and were in a crisis situation that preceded the crystallizing of national unity which created the republic." Noting that they then gathered for prayer, the proclamation declares, "We in our churches today would do well to follow this example."

The NABF includes seven Baptist bodies in the United States and one each in Canada and Mexico. They are American Baptist Churches in the USA, General Association of General Baptists, National Baptist Convention of America, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Southern Baptist Convention, The Baptist Federation of Canada, and the National Baptist Convention of Mexico. □

ESPECIALLY FOR YOUTH:

# GROW WHERE

# YOU ARE PLANTED



Despite the rain and mist that made the day oppressive, Linda and I were very favorably impressed with Camp Tygart at Huttonsville, West Virginia. The Conference Host Committee had done their job well. They had found a spot for Youth Pre-Con with a gym, swimming pool, very nice barracks, dining hall, good outdoor recreation facilities, and a beautiful natural setting. Now the hard job was ours. We had seen the grounds, but did we have the vision to develop a program that would meet the needs of YOUTH that will be coming to Pre-Con '74? Both before and since our December trip to the hills of West Virginia we have struggled with what and who are needed, knowing that our important source of help is the Holy Spirit.

Anybody who has ever attended Pre-Con, camp, or Conference has experienced the "droops" sometime after returning home. You know—that disease that develops once you're away from the gang, when you begin to lose the mountaintop glow and the confidence gained through shared experiences. It is sad but true that we seem to go home to many of the problems that were there when we left. It's really great to go off to some quiet spot and fellowship with Christians in the power of the Spirit, but what do you do when school starts with its hassle over Friday nights, and a dozen other things develop that seem to rob you of the kind of joy and victory we all talk about so much when we get together? I liked last year's theme for Pre-Con very much. "Growing Plant or Withering Vine?" is a question we all need to ask ourselves. But how

can you grow in the thorns, or the rocks, or the hard-packed soil of the path? (Think about Jesus' parable of the sower.) Should all Christians get out of the world and find a nice quiet sheltered place to live? That might sound nice, but it will never happen (not till the Second Coming).

"Grow Where You Are Planted" is this year's theme. The program is designed to help each of us discover ways of growing wherever God has placed us for right now. We all need to be better equipped for victorious Christian living wherever we are. We will talk about Christian life styles and try to discover what is appropriate for who we are and where we are and what we are. How do we apply Bible principles and regulations to life today? Another discussion area is Communication with God. When we are in a group we share with each other and discover that this sharing strengthens each of us. Why is it that we can't develop this kind of sharing with God? It seems like the area of personal devotions is a real weak point with a lot of Christians. There must be an easier way of keeping up our prayer and devotional life. (God talks to us through the Bible too.) Another important thing is that Youth Pre-Con will be a "Worship in Christian Living." Let's learn as much as we can about living in a Christian environment, so we can take home some ideas in this area too.

The staff is not complete. We have really appreciated the cards, comments, and prayers that have helped us in selecting the ones to be on staff. We are sorry that some have had to say, "No," but trust

that others who will meet special needs we don't even know about yet will say "Yes." Here are the ones we have so far:

John and Linda Camenga—directors — from Little Rock, Ark.

John and Ruth Peil—recreation and discussion leaders — from Covina, Calif.

Steve and Linda Greene — discussion leaders—from Dodge Center, Minn.

Ed and Grace King — discussion leaders—from New Enterprise, Pa.

Delmer Van Horn — devotions and discussion leader from Lost Creek, W. Va.

Ann Williams — music and discussion leader — from Milton, Wis.

Pray for all your staff and for those not yet selected. Make your plans to come. We will have a real good time.

—Rev. John Camenga □



Miss Prudence Robinson  
29 Charles Street  
Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.

If you are interested in Christian Pen Pals send your name, address, and special interests to *The Sabbath Recorder*.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# AN OLD BOOK

# COMES TO LIFE

Albert N. Rogers

The faith, the courage, the heart-break, the drama in an old leather-bound book!

For several days I've been copying names of members from the record book of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church beginning in 1800. Berlin was the gateway through which our people poured out of New England after the Revolution of 1775-82. Hostile Indians had left New York State and tract after tract of land was being opened to settlers. Wagons with families making the hill climb from the Connecticut River valley halted on the Little Hoosick Creek before moving on to the Hudson and Mohawk valleys and westward. Here they made repairs and rested with former neighbors and relatives from "down east." Of 333 members received by the Berlin church in fifteen years, 171 moved on.

Burdicks, Cartwrights, Crandalls, Coons, Davises, are familiar names in many parts of our denomination. These and many others passed this way, some going much farther. Solomon Carpenter, growing up on his father's farm near Stephentown, north of Berlin, became our first missionary to China. Joseph Goodrich stopped at Berlin two or three years and then moved to Alfred, N. Y., where among other things he served on a committee interested in opening the Erie railroad. Later he moved farther west becoming the principal founder of Milton, Wisconsin. Anthony Hakes also went west some years later to found a church at Southampton, Ill., and be ordained as its pastor. His descendants are active now in our Boulder, Colo., church. Nancy Teater, said to have been the first teacher in the common school at Alfred, N. Y., was baptized by Elder Satterlee of Berlin on one of his pastoral visits there, and held membership with others at Berlin

until the Alfred church was set off as a separate body in 1816. The Gothic in Alfred was built for her daughter who became the wife of Prof. Ira Sayles, a teacher in the Alfred Academy. Maxson Stillman and his sons, wheelwrights and carpenters, built the Alfred and Alfred Station churches and the Old Chapel on the Alfred campus. Joseph Hubbard was to head a lumber milling firm in Plainfield, N. J., and built the second house of worship of the Plainfield church used until the present church was erected in 1893. These all were touched by the congregation of the Berlin church.

Elder Joshua Clarke visited the people on the Little Hoosick in 1770. At the request of the "mother church" at Hopkinton, Rhode Island, Elder John Burdick visited them again in 1780 and constituted Berlin a sister church on testimony of their faith and their solemn covenant together. Henry Clarke did the same a few years later at Brookfield in "the Unadilla country" of central New York. About this time the Shrewsbury church trekked from New Jersey across Pennsylvania to found New Salem in Virginia, now Salem, West Virginia. Some of the men from Rhode Island had served in the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign near the close of the Revolutionary War, and they knew the land was fertile in York State. They knew how much corn the Iroquois had raised near their villages, and how big the maple trees were.

Here was the growing edge for Seventh Day Baptists and the promise of better opportunities to come. Some studied at Union College, Schenectady. DeRuyter Institute fostered by churches of the Central Association, was a forerunner of Alfred Academy (later Alfred University) and a notable number of

church-sponsored schools. Bethuel C. Church of the Petersburg church just north of Berlin studied at De Ruyter and then taught at Alfred, going on later to be the first teacher in Milton Academy (now Milton College) in Wisconsin. Elder Henry Clarke of Brookfield, N. Y., published his *History of the Sabbatarians at Utica, N. Y.*, in 1811 at the request of General Conference. The Maxsons of Schenectady and Scott, N. Y., published the first denominational hymnal with the help of Eli Bailey of Brookfield, and later published *The Protestant Sentinel* which was the forerunner of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Some who came to Berlin fell under discipline by the church and their names are marked by the X symbol of excommunication. Each time such action was taken with charity and due deliberation. Others made confession and restitution and were continued under the "watch care" of the church. Early pastors included William Coon, Asa Coon, William Satterlee and Azor Estee. David Davis and George P. Kenyon went out to serve as pastors in other congregations.

One group baptized by Elder Satterlee on a missionary tour was "received at German." Could this be German Flats, west of Little Falls? There was never an organized church there so far as we know. (Anyone having information on this, please write me.)

Church clerks are not always chosen for excellence of penmanship. Their spelling of names is often irregular, to say the least. One wishes a bit more information could have been recorded in certain instances. But we may be sure that those appointed to keep the records were faithful in their duties as they saw them.

An old book comes to life when one reads the names recorded in it.

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# INDIA

**VITAL STATISTICS**

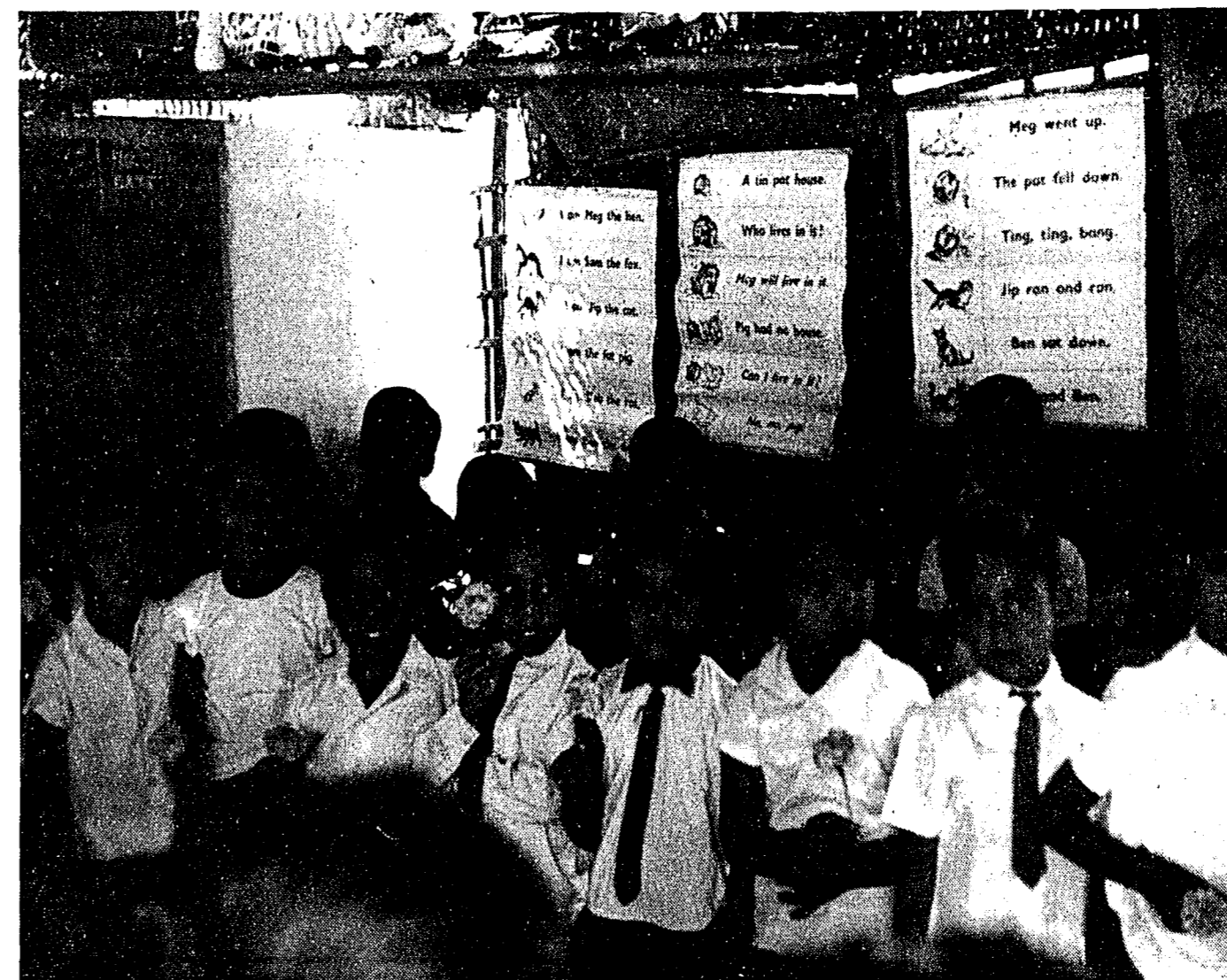
**Capital:** New Delhi  
**Area:** 1.3 million square miles

**Population:** 584 million (1972). India is the world's second most populous nation.

**Languages:** 14 official languages, some 300 dialects. English is prevalent.

**Religion:** 83.4% Hindu; 11% Muslim; 2.6% Christian.

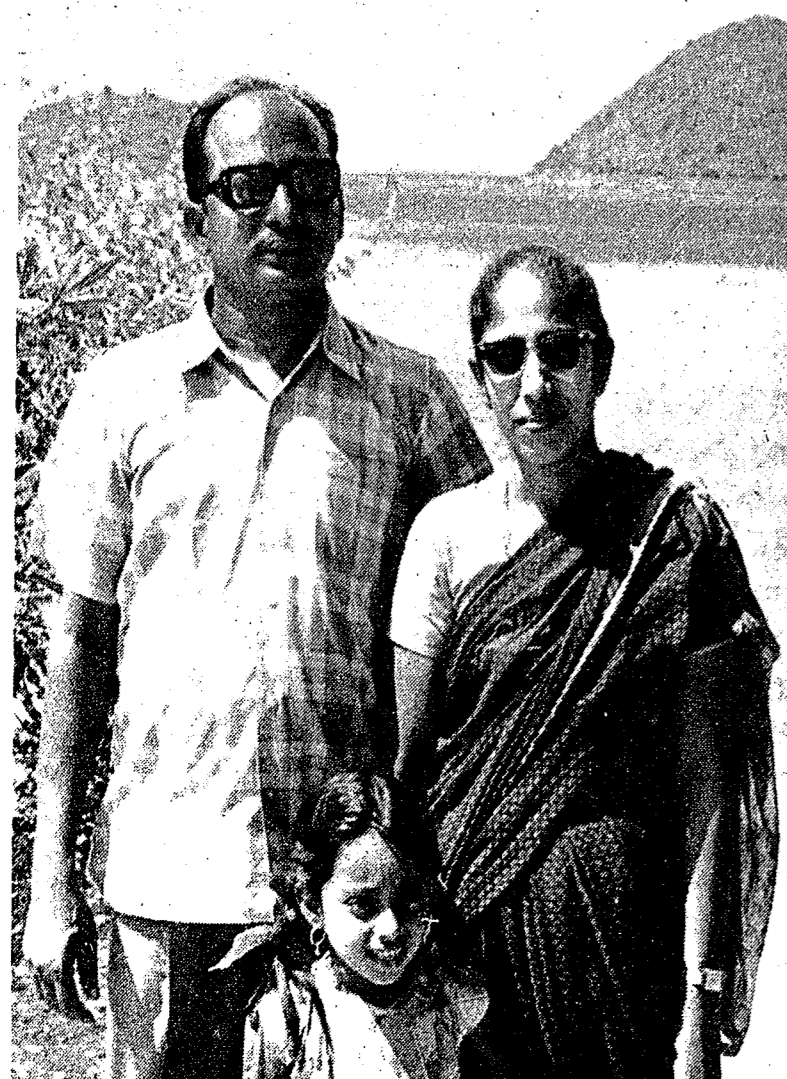
**Seventh Day Baptists in India:** 18,533  
**S. D. B. Churches:** 207  
The India Conference is a member of the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists.



The kindergarten students welcomed the ambassadors with flowers. The enrollment in this school is some 220.



Rev. T. Bayanna is president of the India Conference.



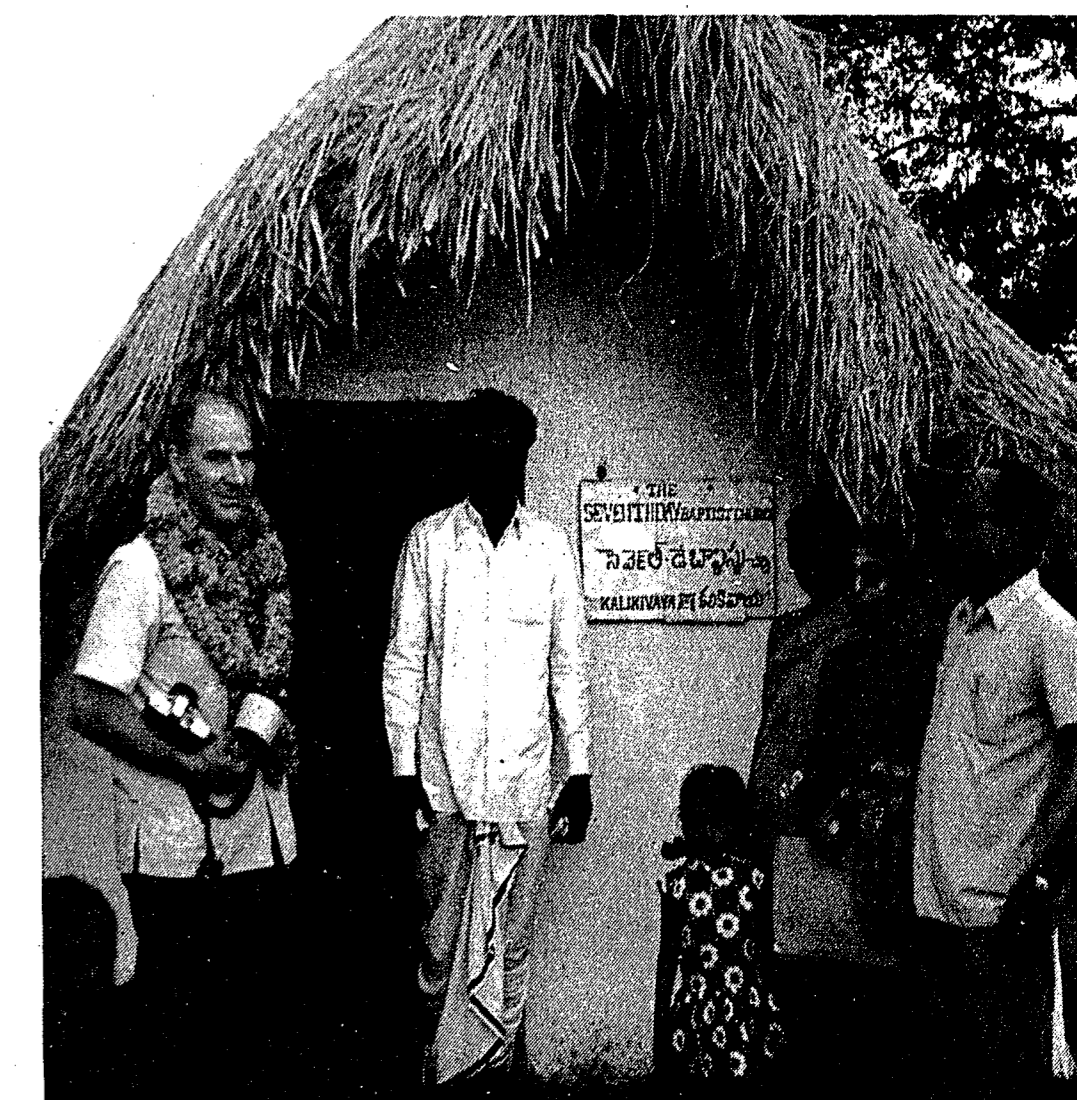
Rev. B. John V. Rao, secretary of the India Conference with Mrs. Mary Suseela Rao, Conference treasurer, and their daughter Shelia.



The ambassadors were welcomed by the students of the Seventh Day Baptist Montessori English School in Nellore.

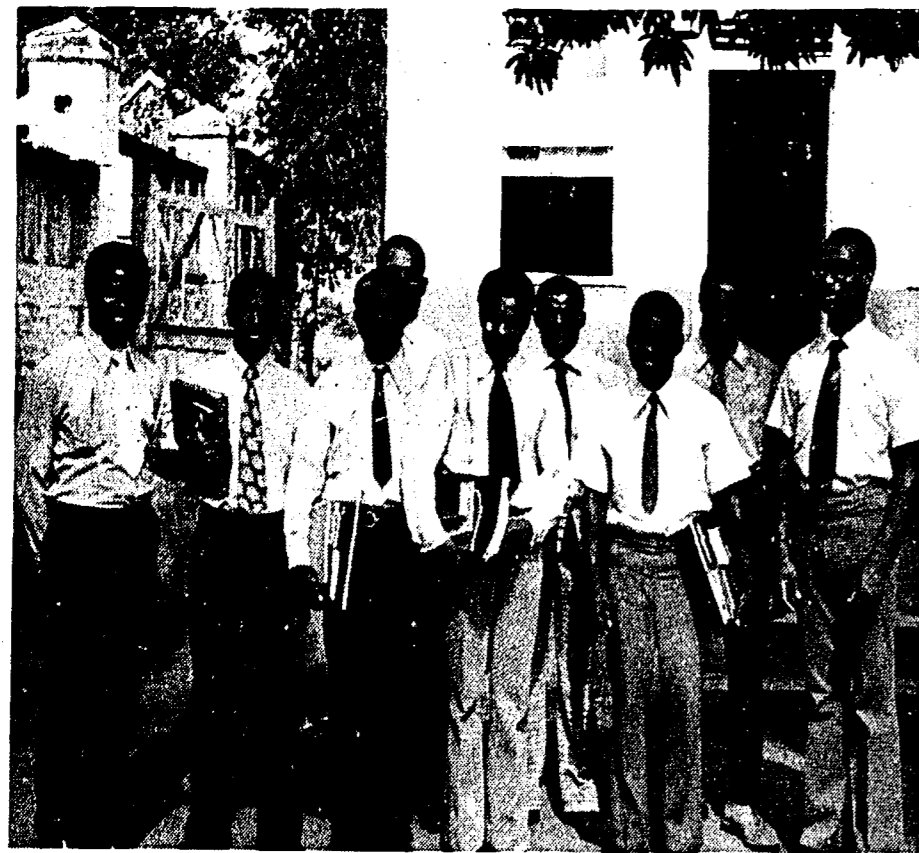


The Arabeth DeLand Sewing School for Women. Mrs. DeLand is a member of the Battle Creek church and has visited in India. This school provides much-needed training for many Indian women.



Ambassador Wheeler visits a small village chapel.

## Jamaica



Left to right: John Blissitt of Wakefield, Trelawny; David Wisdom of Lower Buxton, St. Ann (this is a new work); Nathaniel Wright of Jackson Town, Trelawny; Carlton Beckford of Albion Mountain, St. Mary; student Pastor Oraine Palmer of Blue Mountain, Manchester, who is now serving the Niagara and Maiden Hall churches. Back row: Pastor Geoffrey Smith, graduate of the Jamaica Theological Seminary and dean of the Studies Program; Kenroy Kruickshank of Font Hill, St. Thomas; Percival McLean of Blue Mountain, Manchester; and Herbert Irving of Wakefield, Trelawny.

### MECHANIC IN MALAWI

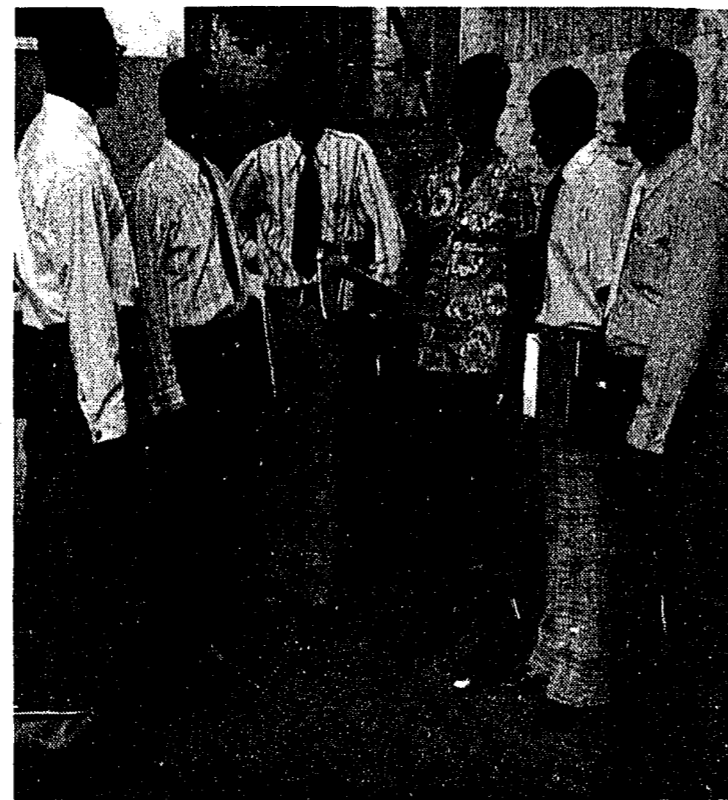
Since the arrival of Menzo and Audrey Fuller at Makapwa S. D. B. Station a lot has been done. The refrigerator which was in the big house was not working, but now is working after Mr. Fuller fixed it. All the telephones which were dead are now working after his effort in fixing them. The sound you can hear now is the running of the waterpump engine which for a very long time was not heard because the pipes of our water pump fell in the well and we had a very hard time in fixing it.

We now thank the Lord for sending us Mr. Fuller, a mechanic who has worked hard on the well and has now provided the hospital and people of Makapwa Station with water. We are now looking forward to electricity. We hope everything will work according to the Lord's plan.

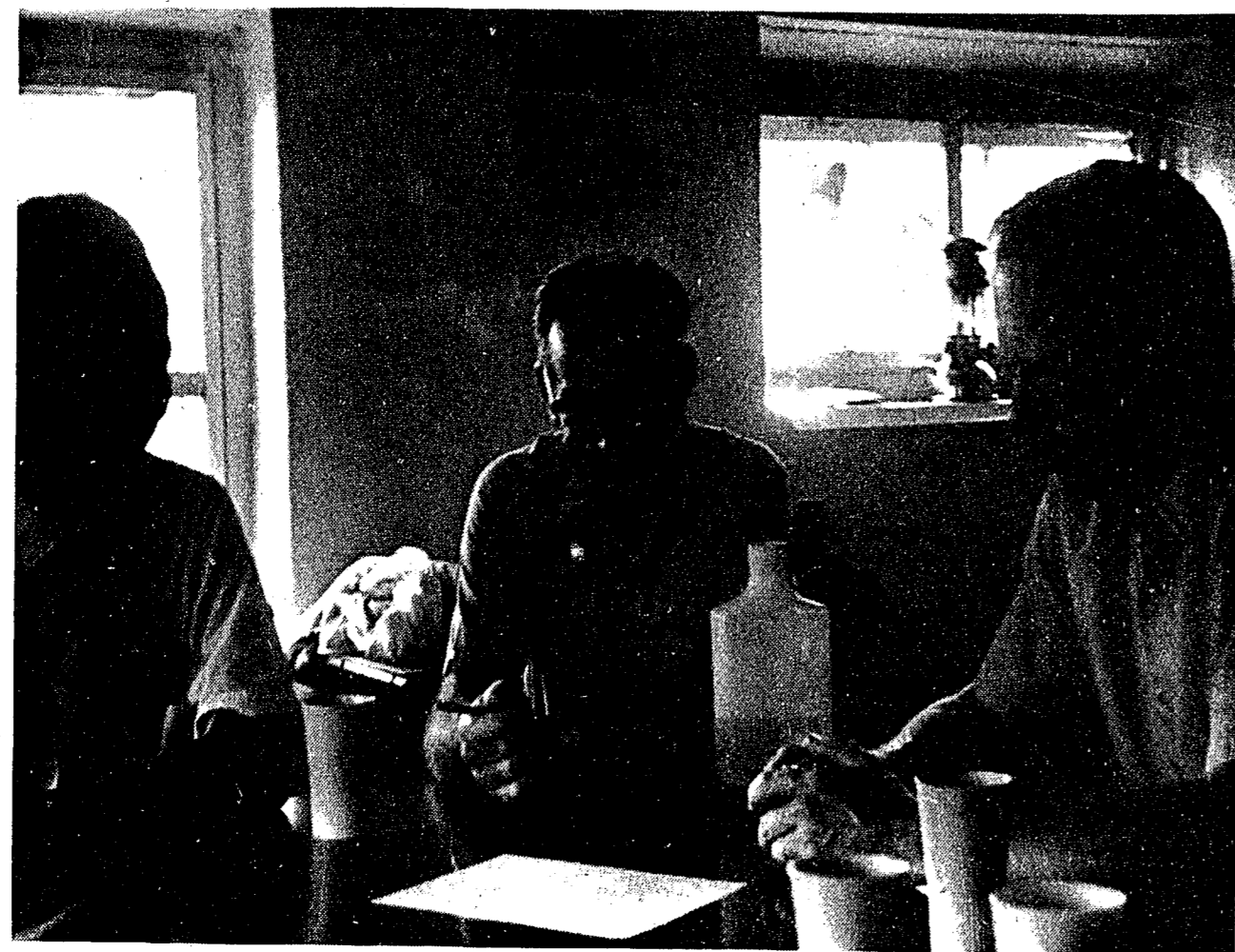
May God help Mr. and Mrs. Fuller to stay in Malawi as happily as possible so that they do more for the good of the Malawians at Makapwa Station and outside it.

—Fedson F. Makatanje,  
Makapwa Literature Office □

In January of 1974 the Jamaica Conference began a Ministerial Training Program for eight young men drawn from six of the churches across the island. The men come to Kingston for two weeks of classes and then return to their homes in the country. This arrangement had to be used since there are not sufficient funds to keep them there for longer periods. Among the students four are married and this arrangement allows them to continue their studies while providing for their families.



A group of ministerial students speaking with Miss Lucille Da Costa, office secretary. She plays a very important role in helping the students to acquaint themselves with the Conference offices.



Seen here are Pastor W. Mataka, Mr. M. Fuller and Pastor D. C. Pearson in the Fullers' house on the day of their arrival Dec. 5, 1973, discussing the roofing of a new garage at Makapwa S. D. B. Station. The garage is now built near the church to avoid the steep hill which made it difficult for the cars starting off from the old garage. Photo by F. F. Makatanje.

# SHARE 1974

Rev. Mynor Soper

Nineteen seventy-three was intended to be a truly big year for many groups of Christian people as they sincerely involved themselves in an attempt to reach out for Christ to the unsaved world around them. As a people we had a part in that effort! We participated in Bible study groups, took training in witnessing, distributed the Scriptures, and a number of other things. As your home field evangelist, I had personally committed myself to more endeavors in the churches during the year when what I really wanted to do was to cut back and spend a little more time with my family. As the year ends, one wonders a bit, about his efforts. Were they worth it? Were they worth the time and energy expended? Were they worth the money it cost to bring them to the various groups across the country? Were they worth the personal sacrifice on the part of the churches to have meetings? Were they worth the personal sacrifices on the part of those of us who had to be away from loved ones so much to carry them out? And for the families left again and again to loneliness and difficulties because of the absence of the head of the family, was it worth it for them?

I guess many of the questions can't be answered at the present. Only time — or heaven — will be able to tell the answers to some. I can answer for our house, however. With Joshua of old, I can only say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." And my house concurs in the decision. Sometimes we say it's too much for me to be gone so much. It's too hard on the family! But our Lord reassures us again and again that He will not ask us to do what He will not give us the strength to endure. And so I know now what I really knew

at the beginning of 1973 — that this year with its increased efforts does not end the commitment. That is forever, and whatever is asked of us, or given us to do, we must continue to do. Perhaps we must even redouble our efforts, though we are tired and don't see as many results as we would like to, because the time may well be short. As Jesus said it "... for the night is coming when no man can work." So praise the Lord for 1973 and its opportunities. And praise the Lord for 1974 and the opportunities we will be afforded to follow through with the efforts of 1973 and even to launch out further.

I remember the drought years in the midwest during the 30's, when I was just a boy. I remember how good fields of corn burned up and blew away. I remember how some big gardens never even bothered to come up. Sometimes the seed lay in the ground and came up the next year instead. But I remember also the indomitable spirit and faith of the farmers who knew what a good harvest would be like, and that vision held most of them and kept them holding on! So praise God for the visions He gives us of what can be done and what the results might be — for those visions keep us going through what otherwise might be considered pretty dry times. Not that 1973 was necessarily such a time. But doubtless we did not accomplish all we wanted to as a people, or see all the breathtaking results we would liked to have seen.

For some, our involvement in Key '73 was probably like a hundred other programs we have participated in—just so much paper work and so many new phrases to try to get people "hepped up" about. But Key '73 as a total movement did have a mighty impact on our nation,

and we were a part of that impact. We supported the Central Organization financially as best we could. In some areas our men were truly key men, leading out in helping to mobilize a community for Christ.

Others got involved in Bible studies that would not have ever been attempted without the thrust of the Key '73 program. Some churches had special meetings, evangelistic or lay training for witnessing, or in-depth Bible training. For me personally, as home field evangelist, I responded to every call for services or help made for that year. It meant I was gone from home about 70 percent of the time. It meant new efforts to develop and get an effective Light Bearers for Christ program on the road. God has certainly blessed me for my efforts. He has given me the privilege of seeing many, many people accept Christ as personal Savior, and many more have renewed their commitments to Him. Again I have had the privilege of seeing some new life and hope born in a few of our churches where Lay Training Programs have been held. It has been truly exciting to see a new light on the face of Christians when they come back from making an evangelistic call on someone for the first time in this Christian walk. How I have rejoiced in having a part in that experience.

However, these things are just beginnings! They are the stirrings of almost cold embers! They are fanning of sparks! They are igniting small fires. What we need are the fires of revival! The refreshing rains of God's Holy Spirit. We need and must sincerely seek an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us as

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# BECAUSE WE CARE

# because we care - We Worship Together

Develop an experience in which God will be known between and among you in the renewal of your personalities and your family's uniqueness.

Remember that relations in their total effect make up our personalities, and God's personality is the original from which we are made!

Reinforce your family's relation to God by adapting these ideas and processes for your use sometime in this month of May — the month of family observances: Mother's Day, Christian Family Week, Memorial Day!

Paraphrase and/or compare different paraphrases and translations, such as: Phillips, Living Bible, Goodspeed, Today's English, Cotton Patch, etc., of these passages:

Luke 4:1-12      Hebrews 4:15, 16  
James 1:12-15    1 Corinthians 10:13

Role-act:

**Story:** Have one family member agree to use his/her most vivid "temptation" experience.

**Process:** Assign two other members to act out the self-focussed side of him/her, and the God-focussed side. Have the tempted person instruct the "two sides" what he felt during temptation. Then have the assigned two sides argue the case for five minutes in the presence of all the family, expressing their most immediate and/or honest feelings and intentions toward each other.

**Ending:** Have all members of the family comment on:

- honesty of each "side" toward God, and each other.
- values brought into the discussion.
- compassion expressed toward each other.
- points where God's loving will was seen OR overlooked.

**Sing** and discuss together these hymns (and others in your hymnals or chorus song books related to "temptation.")

"Yield Not to Temptation" "I Would Be True"  
"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

**Pray** the Lord's Prayer, using "sins" and "those who sin against me" in place of familiar "debts." Then, share your fellowship with God together in conversational prayer about life's tests.

**Read** the following aloud, and discuss it.  
**Temptation and Service.**

Temptation can best be anticipated by the training of the family. The school, church, community, youth activities all are important, but the family is the most critical arena for learning to handle temptation.

What is "temptation" if it isn't that arguing-ground when selfishness seeks to overcome selflessness? Isn't temptation that experience when "lust" can either give birth to sin (James 1:15) or it can be purified to empower one's desire to do good to others for God's sake?

Isn't it true that you would just go ahead and sin if it weren't for "temptation" calling a halt to consider the results and rewards — and the values involved?

In short, can you be tempted to do wrong, to be selfish UNLESS you are also tempted to do good, to be selfless?

So, why is the family so critically important in learning to meet temptation?

Isn't the family the place in society where one ought to get to know self at its most basic desires and moods?

Isn't the family the place where the members ought to express most clearly and most often their understanding of the pull and tug of selfish vs. selfless — me vs. we — me vs. God?

The Christian family can become the "proving-ground" where members can grow in capacity to "prove out the spirits" in the words and acts of life (1 John 4:1-4). The Christian family can keep its members "in training" for yielding to spirits that draw people closer to God and to the best in each other.

The Christian family should train us to bring our full weight to bear in serving others for God's sake. Most often, our meeting temptation helpfully is achieved by getting our energies into gear immediately serving others; for God always needs more compassion directly and practically expressed in our world.

So in a real sense, we could take up this May a family and personal challenge, motto, or guideline: **Yield to the temptation to be God's person, NOT to be all wrapped up in self (a mighty small package.)** □

—Rev. David S. Clarke, Alfred church

# because We Share we care -

Early in February my mother asked me to be the technician in preparing a tape of several voices and parts of songs interspersed. Some representatives of Church Women United in Japan wrote a script for a service, to be modified and used by groups of Church Women United around the world for World Day of Prayer, March 1.

These parts — the voices of youth, the hungry, those who feel discrimination, the victims of pollution, atomic bomb survivors, the apathetic — were read by several people from our town, and a woman accompanied by her autoharp sang parts of "There's a World Out There" and "Hey! Hey! Anybody Listening?" I recorded the various parts and then put the entire tape in the proper order.

One of the people is a graduate student in Ceramic Engineering at Alfred University. He is of Chinese descent and came from Taiwan. He is now living with an elderly man who fell backward down the full length of his inside stairway a few months ago, and injured his back and cracked several ribs. Felix had lived with Mr. Kenyon previously but had moved to another home where he could do his own cooking. But when he heard of Mr. Kenyon's injuries, he came back in order to keep him company and help around the house.

This is the loving spirit showing through this shy but friendly new Christian. On the tape Felix had read the part of a man who, along with others of his village, used the water from a river which they did not realize was polluted and was killing them.

I am no expert on Chinese or Japanese philosophy or history, but from studying them in high school I have come to some sort of personal conclusion concerning these nature-loving, people-loving people.

The traditional philosophy embraced the concept of humility and of accepting people for what they are and looking for the good parts of their personalities. They use the best of everything so it is not unusual for one to believe things contained in several religions. To believe things only embraced by one point of view would be to deny oneself knowledge, wisdom and freedom.



In background can be seen a clock over 100 years old and a small plaque which says "HOME — where each lives for the other and all live for God."

So, when they began to be exposed to Communist philosophy they accepted it rather easily and did not reject it just because of first impressions, but rather tried to understand it. So, they readily accepted it for what it is. Communist philosophy is not completely wrong nor is it evil. Anyone who believes anything can easily wish that all the world felt the way he did; so the idea of world conquest is not so strange or evil.

I know a song which says "I love Russians because they're people, too." I wish that everyone could feel that way about everyone. Even though such love and trust can lead one to hardships, it also leads one through hardships, if they will only persevere. For "love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things." □

—G. Douglas Clarke, sophomore at Alfred-Almond Central School.

When a man and a woman make a commitment to each other in marriage, they are indicating that something has attracted them to each other personally — something they wish to share for a lifetime. But once the commitment is made and the ceremony over, comes the nitty-gritty of personal involvement and sometimes — often times — relationships become strained — yes, even broken. “BECAUSE WE CARE” we take the step of marriage. “BECAUSE WE CARE” we take steps to make that marriage last. As someone has said: “Success in marriage consists of not only finding the right mate, but also *being* the right mate.” Successful marriages are worked at, not given on a silver platter borrowed for a wedding ceremony.

Paul, the apostle, compared marriage to the relationship between Christ and the Church: Just as the Church cannot exist without its head, Jesus Christ, a marriage cannot exist or be successful without the deep personal relationship of

### 1. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE NOTICE.

When we are caring as husbands and wives — indeed as individual persons regardless of our marital status — we notice things that will please others. In the Living Bible these words from Hebrews speak volumes to us: “In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.” BECAUSE WE CARE—WE NOTICE! Charlie Shedd in books I like to share with couples I marry, entitled “Letters to Phillip” and “Letters to Karen” says that six of the most important words in the thoughts of a man or a woman are “IF YOU LIKE IT, SAY SO.” If you see something you appreciate—even a little thing — tell him or tell her. Even if you think it is expected, don’t fail to notice and appreciate.

Paul wasn’t much for marriage—he suggested if you can stay away from it, do — but he did say some pretty important things about the

about the one we have decided to live with — we will listen to the “other side” and learn to enjoy it. I don’t suppose there is more difficulty in marriage than what is spawned by a couple who won’t listen to each other. I don’t mean hearing — I mean really listening, really understanding what the other is saying.

Men, maybe if you feel you are henpecked, it is because you don’t listen — you don’t really hear what your wife is saying. And, ladies, maybe if you’ve got that gnawing feeling that your husband refuses to say anything to you, maybe it is because when he does speak you aren’t really listening. It is the common ailment of otherwise wonderful marriages — the lack of communication between husbands and wives. How we need to establish a communication line that really connects. We need to listen to each other — in love — to hear what the other person is REALLY saying, trying to make us understand about himself or herself and our

meekly, “It is your wife, Albert.” Albert instantly opened the door, his face all smiles and they were reconciled. I suppose each of us sees ourself mirrored in the face of the enraged Victoria. We try to be something more than we really are to our partners. We feel we have to prove ourselves or be strong or be just what our partner expects. That is bound to strain the relationship. Whenever we fail to really be honest with ourselves and our partner we are creating the worst kind of deception possible.

What great wonders could be wrought in a marriage if each partner decided not to try to change the other, but to bring out the personality that is alive and well. That is a real talent, to create the kind of loving atmosphere that brings out the best there is in each person — to be helpful rather than critical — sensitive rather than demanding — concerned rather than angry. How we need to be honest with each other — as we face the seemingly impossible relationship

—that’s what makes love and marriage, and trust and honesty so exciting — we need to accept our differences and accept each other, distinguishing between the important and the unimportant — honestly. BECAUSE WE CARE—WE ARE HONEST.

### 4. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE SHARE.

When was the last time, for no reason at all, that you went out together for dinner or something special — something you could share equally in enjoyment, laughter, and feeling? If we really care about each other we share not only the harsh realities and responsibilities but also the precious moments that bring joy into life. We don’t have a place on this earth merely to exist —we have a place together on this earth to live and we need to share some live moments with each other. Remember, some time ago—be it a few months or many years — you found something exciting about the person you are living with — and you shared something precious

keep their marriage alive. That requires work — that requires ACTION. Acting in a marriage out of caring isn’t something we do that is out of the ordinary so that our partner thinks something is wrong. It is something we do constantly to make our marriage work. When we both seek ways to make life more exciting and rewarding for our partner, we are a long way along the road to making our marriage more exciting and rewarding. Marriage is more GIVING than receiving — it is putting the partner first, after our relationship to Jesus Christ, and giving him the joy and pleasure that God’s love brings. Christ showed us His love by acting — by giving His life. We give our lives — we act — to make our marriage work and make it successful. BECAUSE WE CARE—WE ACT.

Evelyn Mapes, in the book of poetry “That We Love” ends one of her poems on marriage with these words: “Till death do us part ‘char- ters a one-way course’ and a wed-

# BECAUSE WE CARE

each partner to Christ. Donald T. Kauffman once wrote: “A good marriage is not a contract between two persons but a sacred covenant between three.” Too often Christ is not invited to the wedding and finds no room in the home. Has Christ been invited into your home to live as a part of your relationship as husband and wife? If not, maybe the struggles you face every day can be explained.

Christ gives meaning to any relationship — especially a love relationship. Maxie Dunnam in his book, *Dancing at My Funeral*, writes: “Marriages that have withered through neglect can be brought back to life.” With Christ invited into the home and into every area of our marriage relationship, life can be brought back and hope take the place of despair.” Maxie Dunnam writes: “Married love looks like caring. The biggest heresy in marriage is alphabetical: Big I, little u. Marriage demands a big ‘WE.’”

Maxie Dunnam suggests five things that take place BECAUSE WE CARE:

successful loving marriage . . . Once he said that marriage divides a person’s loyalty, but he expressed a profound truth: “The married man,” he writes, “or the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, or her husband.” If we are married we must learn how to please our husband or our wife . . . and that begins by NOTICING — by caring enough to notice when the table is cleared off, or when the clothes are ironed, or when the garbage is taken out, or when the storm windows are put up, or when the sock is darned, or when the gas tank has been filled up. If it matters to my beloved, IT MUST MATTER TO ME.

### 2. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE LISTEN.

We all go into marriage with our eyes half closed. We don’t see the other person as he or she really is. Marrying is like buying a long playing record for the one song that we want. We don’t know how the other side of the disk sounds until we get home and then we have to live with it. But if we really care

relationship as husband and wife. We need to complete the transaction between ourselves so that there is no misunderstanding. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE LISTEN.

### 3. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE ARE HONEST.

The Living Bible shares with us these words from the pen of Paul: “Stop lying to each other; tell the truth, for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other, we are hurting ourselves.” One of the keys to a happy marriage is honesty — being real to each other and shedding any masks that keep us from knowing each other for who we really are.

There is a story that one day Queen Victoria lost her temper. Her husband, Prince Albert, wordlessly went to his room and locked himself in. The outraged Victoria stalked after him and pounded on the door. “I demand that you open this door!” There was no answer. She rapped again, furiously. “Who is there?” shouted Albert. “The Queen of England” shouted back her majesty. The door remained shut. She rapped again — this time

called marriage — to give each person the opportunity to live and enjoy life. We need to share our deepest concerns with each other, we need to bare our real selves — our souls — to each other. We need to be real with each other rather than an imitation of what we suppose we ought to be. Especially in marriage the masks need to be removed so that each can discover the real person he married and the two can become one flesh in the Lord. We are different people — male and female — God created us

and wonderful and happy. If it is gone — find a way to bring it back by sharing something together. If the spark is still there — praise the Lord — and find ways to keep it there. BECAUSE WE CARE—WE SHARE.

### 5. BECAUSE WE CARE — WE ACT.

Each of us is responsible for making our marriage exciting and fulfilling. I can’t do it for you; you can’t do it for me. When two people make a commitment to each other, they must make an effort to

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—Excerpts from sermon on MARRIAGE by the Rev. Herbert Saunders, Plainfield church. Edited by Mrs. Mary Cudaby, Little Genesee, N. Y., church.



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## WE WORK TOGETHER

**BECAUSE WE CARE** — there are many things that we as family members can do to strengthen the family unit and the individual members of the family. Listed here are a variety of activities which families can plan and carry out together. This list may suggest many more ideas to the reader. Such activities can provide opportunities for families to **notice** each other, to **listen**, to **share**, and to **act** together.

Frank E. Wier<sup>1</sup> suggests that family activities should be considered as enrichment experiences for the family. He stresses the finding and using of time, with deliberate care, for family enrichment.

**Set aside a block of time weekly for strictly family activities.** This might be Sabbath afternoon, Friday evening, or any time which the family selects. The important thing is that all members of the family commit themselves to this time together and let no other activities interfere. Dr. Martin Marty<sup>2</sup> has described some of his family's practices and experiences with a family night (and other family activities), which may be encouraging and give ideas to other families.

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### Recreational Projects

Plan a different vacation — research and study the area (near or far).

Go back packing, picnicking, camping, bicycling.



Become rock hounds or spelunkers.

Take up archery or tennis.

Go on walks together — in your town or on a nature hike — with specific items to be noticed.

Organize family games.

### Enrichment Projects

Read a book aloud, perhaps in a series.

Read a play aloud — assign parts — study the life of the playwright!

Regard your hometown as a foreign city and see what new things you can discover.

Take a short trip by bus or train — or walk — to a place of historical interest or natural beauty — or a museum — or art gallery — or zoo!

Enroll in a night class in painting or ceramics or candy making or English literature (or some other interest).

Have a family orchestra — enjoy family sings.

Try a blind walk and see how much you trust each other and how it feels to be dependent. Or try being speechless — or unable to walk.

Go together to watch a sunset — or get up to watch a sunrise — or study the stars.

Learn to identify trees, birds, flowers, shells, fossils, etc.

### Family Work Projects

Research, plan, shop, and COOK a complete foreign meal (Russian, German, Spanish, Italian) and EAT it together.

Plan a remodeling job — designing and executing the painting, papering, or whatever.

Bake bread — and then eat it.

Tap trees (maple) and make syrup.

Build a patio or a tree house or a boat.

Publish a newspaper.

Plan, plant, weed a GARDEN — then preserve and/or eat the results.

Organize your photos.

Really roast chestnuts.

Let older children do a whole meal for the family — parents as guests.

### Projects To Share with Others

Throw a party — a taffy pull — a gourmet dinner — a barbeque — make ice cream.

Have a softball game, or play volleyball, or pitch horseshoes. (Might include more than one family.)

Have guests in as one family.

Prepare gifts for shut-ins — and then deliver them.

Have a neighborhood coffee — or party.

<sup>1</sup> Frank E. Wier, "Family," SPECTRUM, Vol. 28, No. 1 (January/February 1972), pp. 19-20, 49.

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*"And always be thankful"*

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We have just heard a word that describes some children (and some grown-ups, too). They are called BLOOPERS. Bloopers whine and cry when they can't have their way. Because they are not thankful for good food to eat, they say, "Yuk," at meals and when it is time for a good sleep, they stall and bawl. Something is wrong with them.

Little Lucy was never satisfied with anything. She didn't like the clothes her mother gave her to wear. She didn't like the food her mother cooked for her. She didn't ever want to do what she was asked to do. Was she happy? Oh, no! she was a very unhappy girl. She was a blooper.

God wants His children to be happy. That's why He tells us to be thankful. When we are thankful, we are happy. People who are not thankful are not happy.

The Bible says, "In everything give thanks." Just think! God loves us. He forgives all our sins for Jesus' sake. We are His children and someday Jesus will take us to heaven. That is why we can be thankful in everything. And when we are thankful, Jesus is glad and we are happy.

### Some Questions for You

Are you a blooper?

Do you know any bloopers?

What does our Bible verse teach us?

Why does God want us to be thankful?

Can you name some things you are thankful for?

Those who are old enough may like to read Colossians 3:15-17.



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# THANKFUL

### A Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, we are glad that you always love us. We are glad that you sent Jesus to tell us about your love and that He died for us on a cross. Help us always to be thankful in everything so that we will be your happy children and some day be in Heaven with you. We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ.

AMEN

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The design places the BWA symbol, which speaks of worldwide Christian fellowship, as the "lode-star" above Sweden's golden crowns. A surrounding circle carries the name of the congress. The design will be in gold against a blue background.

History of "Tre Kroner," Three Crowns, runs back to the year 1364 when the young Albrekt of Mecklenburg was crowned King of Sweden. The emblem of three crowns which he adopted as his device on a shield and which also became the Swedish national coat of arms was evidently not unknown in our country at that time. Many legends have been spun around it, but documentarily the origin takes us back to "the allegoric adornment of the sepulchre of the three Holy Kings in the Dome of Cologne" (H. Seitz). In the year 1200 three crowns are spoken of in connection with the three holy kings and their adoration of Jesus Christ.

As a heraldic emblem the crowns became known in different parts of Europe. The formation of the design varied but it is worthy of note how often the symbolism has preserved its religious connotation.

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### RUBBER BAPTIST

Leonard Bernstein a convert to the Baptist brand of Christianity? At a worship service at Dallas's First Baptist Church a man identified himself as Leonard Bernstein, Jr., and tearfully handed pastor W. A. Criswell a \$20,000 check to cover travel expenses to New York City for the 410-member church choir. The benefactor, amid a standing ovation, said he wanted the choir to sing with his father and the New York Philharmonic. He said he and his father were Christian Jews attending New York City's Calvary Baptist Church. After some investigation the church's director of communications learned that Bernstein's son is named Alexander, that the check was counterfeit, and that the conductor still was a Jew. □

—*Christianity Today* □

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In this issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* our readers will notice a new type-style on several pages. Our type is set by the hot-type method using a Linotype machine. Recently we received a new font of type, valued at several hundred dollars, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Albion of Kalamazoo, Michigan. We greatly appreciate their gift and interest in our publishing ministry. □

# HOW I BECAME

## A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

by Tom Tingley  
Casa, Arkansas

Some thirty-six years ago a sinner was born into this world; in thirty-four and a half of these years this sinner did almost everything that a man could do to please the devil. But, I want to tell you brothers and sisters, that on a hot summer night in 1972 in a little country Freewill Baptist Church the Lord came into my heart. I would like to share with you what happened that night and afterwards. My wife, Wanda, and I had been attending this church for some time and were members. We enjoyed assisting with the music of the church, Wanda playing the piano while I sang. We became good friends of Pastor Bobby Alexander and his family.

The influence of the life of Pastor Alexander had a lot to do with my coming to God on my knees that night in July. We were having a revival service and I felt something pulling at me but I resisted. After the service was over and we had walked outside, I felt God was calling me and so I went back into the church and knelt at the altar and surrendered my all to God.

After that night I felt the call of God to preach His holy word. Later I was invited to preach at the Hickory Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Casa, Arkansas. In April 1973, Al Lewis, a member of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church invited me to speak for them. On several occasions after that Al talked with Wanda and me about the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists. We began to read some of the Scriptures that dealt with the Sabbath, some that we had read before but had really overlooked. Then we realized that going to church on the first day (Sunday) wasn't right at all. After several meetings with Al we decided to accept the Sabbath.

From that day on our prayers seemed more real. We felt that God was answering and providing for our needs abundantly. We can now feel God's presence more and more in our lives.

The people of the Seventh Day Baptist church are the most friendly people we have ever met. We don't get to meet with them as often as we would like because we live quite a distance from Little Rock, but our hearts and prayers are always with them. □



Rejoicing in the Sabbath truth, Wanda and Tom Tingley are new members of the Little Rock, Arkansas, Church.

Wanda and I are both in the air force. I have a little more than two years before I retire and then I will be able to work more than ever for God. We realize that there are people in this world that need the word of God. We know that God has called us to Him, to preach the Word, not to a church full of Christians as a pastor, but to a world of sinners as a worker of God.

My thanks goes out to God and His Son, Jesus Christ, for saving my soul, to Brother Alexander for showing us the right way, to Brother Al Lewis for showing us about Seventh Day Baptists, and to the many members of the Seventh Day Baptist church for showing us how real Christian people are. God bless you all and our prayers will always be with you. □



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**SPARKS FROM A.C.A.**

"ACA"—the American Camping Association—drew about 1,500 campers from church, private, and agency camp operations across the U. S. and Canada for the '74 biennial convention, Feb. 20-23, 1974, at Atlanta, Ga. Among them were three SDB's, Elmo Randolph, Clarence Rogers, and David Clarke, who were specially interested in a "creative camping project" projected for July 4-14 at Camp Paul Hummel near Boulder, Colo.

Sixty to eighty camp-serving agencies displayed their wares in national ACA conventions. In the display area campers learned firsthand of new educational programs and resources, talked with camp experts, exchanged ideas and solidified dreams of more effective outdoor education and adventure. ACA members (Rogers, Randolph, and Clarke are in that category) have discount privileges at the ACA booth at the Conventions, as well as in direct orders for their agencies' uses. SDB's are invited to use the service of these three persons if you are buying camping materials. The discount can be passed on to you.

Hosted by Camp Paul Hummel and aided by resources of Memorial Fund and program sources of the Board of Christian Education, the men are prime enablers of the ten-day "CCP '74" to "explore for SDB's the spiritual resources and deep moral relationships possible in camping and outdoor activities, and to relate such experience to the day-to-day worlds in which we live."

They are currently seeking representatives from each of the twelve camp areas in US-SDB camping. Their plans are developed from basic concepts of Glen Warner and Elmo Randolph. □

**REPORT:**

**Baptist Joint Committee**

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was convened by the Rev. William F. Keucher, vice-chairman, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, at the BJA headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. Keucher presided in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, who was on a Global Ambassadorial Mission.

Your representative felt that he needed four eyes, four ears, and extremely long attention span and much more fat on the bones for a cushion, in order to assimilate all the much needed information which was available.

Along with the housekeeping chores, which are a necessity in every committee, we were updated on pending Supreme Court cases, pending Constitutional amendments possible legislation which could effect separation of Church State situations, briefed on Impeachment proceedings and given time to visit our Senators or Congressmen. I took this opportunity to visit briefly with the Honorable Senator Jennings Randolph from West Virginia. In addition to the BJA Staff, other speakers were Senator Birch Bayh and Mr. Jerome Ziefman, general counsel for the House Committee on Judiciary.

"Under the topic of Legislation—second session — 93rd Congress" such topics as Abortion, Capital Punishment, Elementary and Secondary Education, Lobbying by Tax-Exempt Organizations, Voting Rights for Overseas Citizens, Pension Reforms, Health Care and Campaign Financing were discussed.

The ever present misunderstanding about the Supreme Court and Public School Religion is still with us. The real point of the Supreme Court's decision is that "All governments, federal, state, and local, under the Constitution of the United States lack the authority or power to involve themselves in the religious teachings and practices of the American people. Accordingly,

the Court ruled that state legislatures and school boards do not have authority to require religious exercises in schools . . . The Court's decision places great emphasis on the person's right to free exercise of religion. If a pupil or a teacher wants to pray there is nothing in the decision to prevent him from doing so."\*

Another item of special concern is the By-Pass Provision of Title I, ESEA (S.1539) (H.R.69)

If I understand correctly, this amendment provides that where a local educational agency is prohibited by law from providing for the participation of educationally deprived children enrolled in private schools, the United States Commissioner may waive the requirement but must himself arrange for the provision of such services to such children. This would enable the Commissioner to use the By-Pass principle to intimidate a State Department of Education to approve Parochial Aid Methods which are illegal by State Constitution and school law.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was organized thirty-five years ago. For those of you not familiar with the work of the BJA, article II of its Constitution will explain its purpose.

"The scope and purpose of the Baptist Joint Committee shall be to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests of rights of the cooperating Conventions which constitute the Committee call for conference or negotiation with the Government of the United States or with any other Governments, or whenever Baptist principles are involved in, or are jeopardized through, governmental action, or when any of the cooperating Conventions or any of their agencies may refer to the Joint Committee any matter of common interest or concern, for consideration and recommendation. The Baptist Joint Committee is empowered to enunciate, commend and defend the his-

toric Baptist principle of religious freedom with particular application to the separation of church and state as embodied in the Constitution of the United States; to communicate and commend to the President, Congress, Courts and Departments of the Federal Government or state governments such declarations as Baptists from time to time officially adopt concerning public matters; to make such contacts with the various departments of any government as may be found necessary or desirable in the legitimate transaction of legal or other business between such government and the Baptist agencies or approved representatives; and to inform the Baptist constituencies of governmental movements and measures affecting principles held essential to true relations between church and state and the right application of Christianity to the life of the nation. The Baptist Joint Committee shall transmit through its constituent committees to the cooperating Conventions and/or their proper agencies, any findings that result from its investigations and research in the field of public affairs, together with any recommendations which in its judgment need to be considered by the cooperating Conventions."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs maintains an efficient professional staff in the Nation's Capitol. A magazine "Report from the Capitol" is published ten months each year. Subscription rates are \$2.50 per year; club rates for ten or more, \$2.00 each, per year; bulk distribution of ten or more to a single address, \$1.75 each, per year. This magazine would help a person keep up with happenings of concern to church people. The address is 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

—Delmer E. Van Horn

\*"Questions and Answers on the Supreme Court and Public Religion" by C. Emanuel Carlson. Published by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C. 20002.



# The Church In Action

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.**—The annual church dinner and business meeting were held on Sunday, January 5. Business was transacted after a bountiful meal. On February 2, our church met with the Albion church for Sabbath worship. The message was in the form of a play, the "Judgment," written by Dr. E. J. Horsley. Members of the cast were from both churches. A fellowship dinner was followed by an inter-church discussion. Church members attended the quarterly meeting at Milton, February 8-9. The Milton Koinonia Youth musical group had charge of the Sabbath worship.

Our Ladies' Aid continues to meet once a month. We give to the support of the Women's Board and other projects as they arise. The Sunshine Committee is active, and we have two birthday dinners during the year. We are saddened by the death of our oldest active member, Jennie Greene, who passed away February 26.

—Mrs. Clara Loofboro

## ARKANSAS CHURCHES MEET

The three Arkansas Seventh Day Baptist Churches: Texarkana, Little Rock, and Fouke, met for a quarterly meeting on March 2. It was a happy Sabbath and there were sixty-two in attendance. All of the churches were represented.

The next meeting will be at the Little Rock church. We are thankful that the Rev. and Mrs. John Camenga have accepted the call of the Little Rock church. They plan to arrive around the first of April.

—Pastor Floyd Goodson □

## NEW FELLOWSHIP NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

A New York City Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists was begun on Sabbath, March 23, 1974. Forty-nine persons: twenty-six from New York and twenty-three from Plainfield, attended an afternoon service of worship and discussion at the Riverside Church in Manhattan. Pastor Herbert Saunders was in charge of the meeting which was held to determine whether or not there was sufficient interest to begin a fellowship in this our nation's largest city.

A Seventh Day Baptist Church existed in New York until about twenty-five years ago. With this new effort we are praying that the Lord will lead us into a genuine witness to Seventh Day Baptists and others that are searching for a Sabbathkeeping group.

Pastor Saunders and Editor John Bevis spent several days in the city laying the groundwork for the meeting and calling upon many Seventh Day Baptists and Tract Society interests.

The group has encountered difficulties in finding a permanent place to worship. The Riverside Church refused to allow the group to continue using their facilities and thus the group met temporarily in a downtown hotel. The Fellowship is currently meeting at the Sloane House YMCA on 34th Street in Manhattan.

Information regarding this new fellowship may be obtained from Pastor Saunders in Plainfield, (201) 757-0555 or Socrates Thompson in Brooklyn, (212) 773-6277. Let us pray for God's continued guidance as Seventh Day Baptists "Reach Out" in New York City.

**LONDON, ENGLAND.** — Each year the Rev. J. McGeachy has to visit London as a trustee of the Joseph Davis's Charity, which holds its annual meeting in the Baptist Church House, Holborn, on the first Friday of March. Accordingly he left Hull and arrived in time to attend the meeting at 2 p.m.

It consisted of the usual routine business, agreeing to the Division of the Income from various investments between the three beneficiaries. The Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church receives £100 each year, and the balance of £367 was divided between the Baptist Union and the General Baptist Assembly, just over £183 for each of them.

He was kindly entertained during the weekend by Sister Mrs. Iris Codrington, and her husband Egbert, who are Jamaicans, at their home in Tottenham. All the services on the Sabbath were held at the Methodist Hall, Mayall Road, Herne Hill in South East London, as the Upper Holloway Baptist Church was being used for a Baptist Convention.

The Sabbath School was opened by Bro. Willard Smith, and the minutes were read by Bro. Henry Wright. The supply of the new quarter's lessons had not arrived, but fortunately Sister Mrs. Olive Gelleff had an advance copy, so we had the lesson on "The Church Empowered," Pastor Peat and others making valuable comments.

This was followed by the midday service, opened by Pastor Peat. The choir sang "Come unto Me." The Rev. J. McGeachy took the theme chosen for the Conference Year 1973-74, "The Day of the Lord Is at Hand" as his subject, and gave a study of "The Day of the Lord"

as this phrase is used by the Old Testament prophets. It occurs about fifteen times in the Old Testament, and often had a particular application to the times in which the prophet lived. It meant a day of judgment and calamity upon certain countries and cities, such as Babylon and Egypt, on which the Lord took vengeance for the way in which they had treated His people, Israel.

On Sunday in the home of Bro. H. Wright the British Conference Committee meetings were held. Reports were given by the president, and leaders of the groups in Birmingham, Holloway and Herne Hill. Sister Anderson told of the work at the Congregational Church hall in Lewisham.

Reports spoke of correspondence with the brethren in the U.S.A. over questions relating to the Christian's attitude to War, Military Service, and the Sabbath; and with Pastor Ralph Cain of Ghana, to whom 100 posters for announcing his evangelical meetings had been sent, and also a copy of "The Common Bible" for studies he is having with some Roman Catholic friends since this version is acceptable to Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants.

## DEATH OF

### MRS. G. E. RICHARDSON

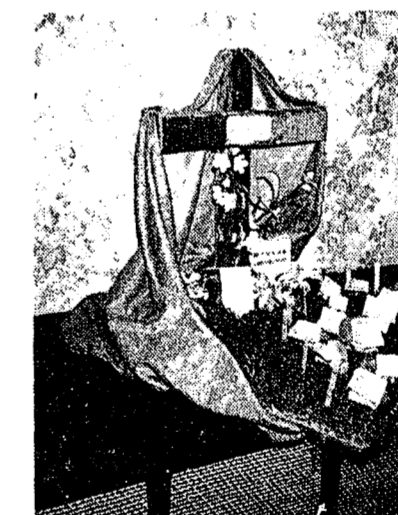
It was the sad duty of Rev. J. McGeachy, before returning home to Hull on the Monday, 4th March, to officiate at the funeral service of our oldest member, Mrs. Gertrude E. Richardson, widow of the late Rev. T. W. Richardson, former pastor of the Mill Yard Church, who died in 1920.

Sister Richardson had very actively carried on with the work of the Mill Yard Church, serving as treasurer, and in other capacities. She was also a strict vegetarian, to which no doubt her longevity was to be attributed, for she was over 102, when she died on Monday, 25th Feb., 1974.

She is buried in the Islington Cemetery, East Finchley. The funeral was attended by her son, Gilbert, and his wife, and several members of the family, and by a few of the members and friends of the Mill Yard Church. We look forward to the glad day of reunion in the Kingdom of God.

—Rev. J. McGeachy

**VERONA, N. Y.**— On March 2, 1974, the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated "Visitors Sabbath." As we entered our sanctuary that morning, we noticed a new banner on the front wall that gave us cause for meditation. The words were, "There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met. Welcome visitors." This banner was made by Mrs. Maurice Warner. The Rev. Wayne Babcock chose for the sermon topic "Christ Breaks Down Barriers." Following the Sabbath School hour, a fellowship meal was shared in the dining room. "Cluster groups," previously chosen were seated together with a centerpiece using the theme of the morning. The table arrangement was made by Mrs. Orville Williams and family. On one corner of the display were placed stones, representing a cemetery. On each stone were the words "Here lies Hate" (Anger, Selfishness, Greed, etc.). Under each was a Scripture reference to show what God has given us to combat hate (love), anger (charity), selfishness (kindness), and so forth. Around the cemetery of "Barriers in our life" was a fence. On the other side, standing against an array of golden splendor, was the Cross. At the base was an arrangement of apple blossoms representing new life and fruit of the vine. A small white Bible was placed there, a symbol of the Word of God. It is here that He tells us how we can bury our sins and find a new life full of hope, joy, and peace. On the



Verona, N. Y., Church

**LINCOLN, NEBR.** — The Lincoln Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship has been discovering the warmth of God's love in what started out as a rather cold year. January 16 found us listening to a very stimulating sermon on the Second Coming of Christ, delivered by Ken Chroniger of Kansas City, Missouri.

Our newest member, affectionately known as A. B. Dick 525, entered the realms of God's service in January. This little mechanical marvel has given us a lift! Our thanks to the Gutenbergs for their discovery!

In February, we had a special seminar on Death and Dying. We listened to a panel discussion by a hospital chaplain and a patient who had leukemia. Later in the day, we heard a short spiel by a mortician who told us about his job, as well as some insights that he had about death, and eternal life. In some ways, the program was a bomb, but in other ways we did learn. The fact that we were able to discuss death as a natural occurrence, which merely marks a step forward in our reunification with the Lord, was a growing experience.

March has proved to be a blessing to our souls. We were privileged to have a group called "Unity" lead our worship service. Their music and testimony, as well as their sharing with us during our fellowship dinner, were truly inspirational. In fact, their exuberant love caused us to do a little self-examining Sabbath School, with the result that we decided to do the following. Allen Swanson and Ivan Soper are going to write up devotional ideas for each fellowship meeting so that we may worship as a group, wherever

other side at the base is a plaque that reads "God is as near as a whispered prayer." We must realize that prayer is the one ingredient in our lives that will bring us, and keep us, closer in fellowship with Him. On the arms of the cross are the words from John 3:16, the gift of God's Son, Jesus, and the promise of Life to all who believe in Him.

—Mrs. Orville Williams

we are during the week. Janece Goodrich and John Jacobsen are in the process of organizing an evangelistic training session for this spring. We intend to go out and share the good news with power! Jim Goodrich and Butch Keown are writing a series of special Sabbath School lessons for the young in our fellowship. We are also advertising in the student newspaper and we are having small calling cards printed up for dispersal in Lincoln - Beatrice - Omaha. These cards will tell others about Seventh Day Baptists and our beliefs, as well as some specifics about the Lincoln Fellowship. April and May will find us engaged in a series of sermons concerning Christian growth, becoming more like Christ than we were last year, last month, and even more so than we were yesterday. It promises to be an exciting time and we expect big things to happen!

The Lincoln Fellowship was a co-sponsor for a seminar on Christian marriage held March 9. Many great speakers talked on such topics as money and budget, family planning, communication, and roles and role expectations.

Two of our members, John Jacobsen and Butch Keown, have been accepted into the University of Nebraska medical school and will begin their studies in July.

A highlight of this quarter occurred on February 16 when all the male members of the fellowship cooked their "specialties" for fellowship dinner. We might add that many of those delicacies were edible!

We solicit your prayers that God might use us mightily in this area. Maranatha!

—The Pew Reviewer  
NORTH LOUP, NEBR. — The Christmas season began with the advent wreath, meditation, and candle-lighting. Our church participated in radio broadcasts with Christmas meditation and singing for thirty minutes each day for fourteen days preceding and following Christmas. This was sponsored by churches of this area. Our group presented three of the broadcasts: "Christmas in America," "The Signs of His Birth: The Angels and the Star," and "Let's Keep Christmas."

The children's Sabbath School Christmas Program was given December 21. The beautifully decorated sanctuary was an ideal set-

ting for it. A huge Christmas card of Mary and the infant Jesus in the front of the church had a fitting greeting: "May your hearts be filled with Joy, Happiness, and the Spirit of Christmas all through the year." Sabbath worship included beautiful music, praising God for the birth of His Son. The Christmas Eve service was cancelled because of bad weather.

Our annual New Year's Dinner was held Sunday, December 30. The new year was ushered in with 20° below zero weather and a continued cold spell with no readings above zero for almost two weeks! Praise the Lord for much warmer weather now!

Pastor Victor Skaggs taught a class in Sabbath Philosophy at Light Bearers for Christ headquarters five afternoons for a week in January. Pastor and Mrs. Skaggs and others of our congregation were present at the services in Denver February 1 and 2, at which five members were added to the diaconate of the Denver church. Rev. James Keller of the Ord Evangelical Free Church brought the message during the absence of our pastor.

The Annual Sunday School Convention was held in Grand Island February 11 and 12. Pastor Skaggs and others attended the seminars.

Light Bearers for Christ presented their message in song and testimony at the North Loup United Methodist Church, the Mira Valley United Methodist Church, and our church, before leaving for Texas, Arizona, and California. We miss them here and look for their return. Our continued prayers go with them.

The Youth Fellowship sponsored a box social Sunday evening, February 17, and took in \$200 for the eleven boxes sold. They are now making plans to host the Mid-Continent Association Youth Spring Retreat in April.

We get glimpses of Menzo and Audrey Fuller and their work in Malawi by tape and letter. May God bless their work!

—Bertha Clement

**RENEW  
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW!**

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— Five members of our Women's Society attended the World Day of Prayer service at the New Market Baptist Church on March 1 and enjoyed the social hour that followed. At our Sabbath service the next day John Bevis served Communion for the first time since he was elected a deacon. Our Sabbath School missions offering that day was \$30 (in addition to our regular offering). We welcomed three Jamaicans, Olive Myers from Jamaica, W. I.; Martha Stewart from Brooklyn, and Franklin Ross from Bronx, N. Y.

On Monday evening, March 4, the Women's Society had a shower for Mrs. Kay Maltby, whose baby boy was born March 23. A Pro-Con supper meeting was held March 10 at the home of John and Hope Bevis.

The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel had charge of our service on March 16 since Pastor Herbert Saunders had been called to Westerly, R. I., because of the illness of his father, Pastor Francis Saunders. Following Sabbath School an inexpensive meal of sharing was enjoyed by all. Each person contributed the price of a more expensive meal to One Great Hour of Sharing, sponsored by Church World Service. We were pleased to have the Rev. Kenneth Smith and family with us that day and two other Sabbaths. They drove from Roslyn Harbor, Long Island.

A group of twenty-four from Plainfield, including the four regular ministerial students plus Mrs. Elaine Stonestrom and Miss Linda Smith, attended the first meeting of the prospective New York City Fellowship at Riverside Church the afternoon of March 23. About the same number of Jamaicans who live in New York were present and agreed to try meeting every Sabbath afternoon. Pastor Saunders led the worship service and delivered the sermon.

The evening of March 30 the Young Adults met at the SDB Building to put together the April "Joyful Sound." Following the work session they went to the home of Mike and Alice Parker for games and refreshments.

We look forward to our Passover Seder April 12, and annual meeting preceded by dinner April 14.

—Ruth Parker

CRITES MOUNTAIN, W. VA.— The Clayton Pinder family of Salem, W. Va., continue to lead out in the program of the Crites Mountain S.D.B. Mission. They report that services are held on the first and third Sabbaths of each month with an average attendance of twenty. This is the first year that services were held throughout the winter. A stove was purchased last fall and the church building was finished, thus allowing for winter services. The Marlboro, N. J., church sent a donation of clothes and money; part of the money was used to purchase an organ. The Dodge Center, Minn., church also contributed much-needed clothing for the work of the mission. The Pinders report that "although a little cold and some problems were encountered in getting down to the church, the Lord blessed all of us in having services and with good attendance." The Pinders are members of the Lost Creek, W. Va., church which also contributes much to this mission deep in the hills of West Virginia.

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We haven't heard from you in months and in some cases over a year or more. Local church news is important — may we hear from you soon? □

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# continuing education

## "Medical Ethics"

by  
Russell G. Johnson  
Pastor of the Alfred, N. Y.  
Seventh Day Baptist Church

At such a time as this, it is a difficult thing to know what a person should say or think in regard to all of the great medical advances of our day. What should a Christian think and say about some of the current uses of the knowledge that we have acquired?

So, when I had the opportunity to attend a seminar on "Medical Ethics" at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, under the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministry, I jumped at the opportunity. Three of the local ministers who serve on the Interfaith Board of Ministries for Alfred University and Alfred State Tech went along.

It was an exciting experience. Dr. Bird, from the Christian Medical Society, did not have occasion to give us all the answers during the one week of sessions, but he did provide us with fair and honest questions to help evaluate some of the problems, and the opportunity to formulate some opinions. Resources were presented that have proved most helpful.

As a result, we have had a series of seminars to determine what we, as a part of the Christian community in Alfred, can do for and say to our area. We have been considering issues such as life, death and dying, abortion, health (shalom), euthanasia, dysthenasia, transexual surgery, artificial insemination and genetic engineering. We have had some interesting discussions, and I believe that this type of educational experience has brought very constructive results.

I feel, personally, that Seventh Day Baptist ministers should take much greater advantage of such offers in continuing education for the benefit of the people to whom we minister! □

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ministry has as a part of its program a plan which is designed to help active Seventh Day Baptist ministers advance in knowledge after they have finished their "formal" education. The following guidelines have been formed to help all understand the advantages and limitations of the help that is offered.

The Council on Ministry defines Continuing Education for Seventh Day Baptist pastors as courses of study or special educational opportunities which may be expected to renew and enrich the minister's professional education.

Applications may be made by any active pastor for financial aid, and they should be made well in advance of the anticipated matriculation. One should not expect financial aid unless approval is secured prior to the course presentation.

Evaluation of requests for funds shall be made by the Council on Ministry with the following priorities in mind:

(1) Programs connected with an accredited seminary, university, or college which enhance a pastor's professional development are given priority. Regularly scheduled class offerings are not thought of as falling into our program.

(2) Short courses, institutes, and special programs such as clinical training, counseling, journalism, lectures, etc., usually offer excellent opportunities.

(3) Specialized programs for denominational leaders to further develop professional skills are included.

(4) Conferences, workshops, and weekend events which are primarily of an inspirational nature are considered valuable.

Generally, the council will not pay major travel expenses for programs of short duration. Evaluation will be on the basis of anticipated denominational benefit from the program proposed.

Continuing education funds are

not available, generally, for regular programs of study leading toward a degree.

Ministers are urged to select an opportunity that is being offered in their geographical area, and then write to the Center of Ministerial Education, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061 for an application for aid.

Applications for financial help for continuing education for ministers' wives may be secured from the above address. This program is operated by the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society.

### Summer Institute

The dates set for the annual Summer Institutes for Seventh Day Baptist ministerial students and local ministers who wish to work for accreditation by the denomination are June 10 - June 28, 1974.

The course to be taught this year is "Philosophy of the Sabbath," and it will be held at denominational headquarters, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey. □

### Marriages

**Burdick - Kirkland.**— Richard W. Burdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wendell Burdick of De Ruyter, N. Y., and Linda D. Kirkland of New Hartford, N. Y., were united in marriage on December 22, 1973, in the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church by the groom's uncle, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick. The new home is in New Hartford.

**Yadsko - Burdick.**— Joseph Thomas Yadsko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Yadsko of Pennsylvania and Linda Belle Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wendell Burdick of De Ruyter, N.Y., were united in marriage on February 23, 1974, in the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's uncle, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick. They live at Pardeesville, Pa.

**Ryschon - Soper.**— John Ryschon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ryschon of Ord, Nebraska, and Ruth Soper, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Mynor Soper of North Loup, Nebraska, were united in marriage on December 15, 1973, at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Mynor Soper, assisted by Rev. Robert Pier, the groom's pastor. Their home is on a farm near North Loup.

## Obituaries

**CHRONISTER.**— Flora M. Chronister born September 23, 1883, at Buchtle, Ohio, and passed away at the age of ninety on February 21, 1974, at Yuma, Arizona.

She is survived by one son, Wallace Graham, three brothers and five sisters. A member of the Denver church, she was a devout Christian who was a ready witness for her Lord. Funeral services were held in Yuma with Pastor Arlie Davis of the Phoenix church officiating. —A. D.

**GREENE.** — Jennie Joliette Crandall, daughter of Orville and Cora Crandall, was born June 27, 1890, at Utica, Wis., and died February 26, 1974, in Mercy Hospital, Janesville.

Jennie lived most of her life in the Milton Junction area. She was married in 1914 to Robert Greene who died in 1950. She was a faithful member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church and its Ladies Aid Society. She sang regularly in the church choir.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and Past Matrons Club, and a charter member of the Milton Grange and a former state Grange officer.

Jennie was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Cora Elizabeth Bowers, and a brother Eldon Crandall.

Surviving are a son-in-law, Robert Bowers, Sr., Hanover, Ind.; three grandsons, Bruce, Brent and Bob Bowers; two great-grandchildren; a niece; several cousins; and a host of friends.

Services were held in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Addison Appel, officiating. Burial was in Milton Junction Cemetery. —A. A. A.

**WITTER.**— Laura J., eldest daughter of H. Emmett and Eola A. Allen Witter, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., August 11, 1884, and died at Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, Pa., March 9, 1974.

She was baptized and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1895, of which she continued a lifelong member. In 1907, she was married to Charles E. Witter of Westerly, R. I., who died September 27, 1952.

Mrs. Witter had lived in Westerly about fifty-five years, in which place she conducted a baking business in her home. She returned to Alfred in 1958.

She is survived by two sisters: Ethel (Mrs. Jay J.) Wilcox, Alfred, N. Y., and Frances (Mrs. Paul V.) Johnson, Severna Park, Md.; two brothers: E. Allen, Almond, N. Y., and Raymond B., Matawan, N. J.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 12, 1974, at Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., with Rev. Hurley S. Warren, a former pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Alfred Rural Cemetery. —H. S. W.

## SHARE 1974

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a people. To be sure, we have seen some of this happening. But we need more! Much more. We need the talent and abilities and dedication to follow-through with in-depth programs to help our people. We need more leadership and help to do the task God has given us the vision to see. Real commitment! Real growth in numbers! Real growth in the spiritual level of our lives! Real power to present Christ and His Sabbath with convicting reality.

Yes, we need all this and more. But praise God for the many who have seen this vision. For those who are giving their time and talents to help bring about the spirit of Key '73, which was to reach every one in America with a meaningful witness for Jesus Christ. There is so much for which to praise the Lord. The year 1973 is gone—1974 is well on its way. May we sincerely praise God for all He has already done in blessing us. Then let us earnestly search our lives and honestly evaluate if we have been living up to our commitments to Him. If we will do this, God will renew our visions and grant us the strength and wisdom and manpower to go along with His Holy Spirit power, and 1974 can be the best year yet. Praise the Lord. □

### THE KING

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are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever (Rev. 11: 15). Hallelujah!"

"Watch, therefore," said Jesus, "for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." True watching is an attitude of mind which would joyfully and quickly turn from any occupation to meet our beloved Savior, proclaiming, "This is the Lord; we have waited for him" (Isa. 25:9). In the song writer's words, "When Jesus comes to reward His servants . . . faithful to Him will He find us watching?"

Yes, Jesus is coming — in person, bodily, visibly! What a "blessed hope"! □

This article is available in tract form from the American Sabbath Tract Society —ask for "That Blessed Hope."



Miss West at Salem College in 1916.

### MISS WEST

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And now Mabel has had ninety years of living on God's good earth. Her pace of doing "chores" has slowed. Her hearing is not good. Her eyes are weak, but in November, 1973, she still was writing with a flair pen. But I know that Mabel will continue to have stars in her eyes. Happiness is with her now because she has made others happy. The Lord has been her companion and shepherd . . . and she does not want . . . as He leadeth this noble woman beside the quiet waters. □

*Editor's note: We greatly appreciate the Senator's willingness to take time from his busy schedule to share his memories of Miss Mabel West with Recorder readers. We would also express our thanks to Mr. Elston Shaw of Milton who furnished us with the recent photograph of Miss West.*

*Miss West was honored for her unselfish work for others in 1965 when she was presented the Robe of Achievement by the Women's Society (see Sabbath Recorder, September 13, 1965).*

*May is the month that we usually remember our mothers in a special way. This year let us pay tribute to this lovely "mother of the church." Won't you take just a few moments to share a greeting with Miss West? Her address is: Miss Mabel West, Box 127, Milton, Wis. 53563. □*

## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR MARCH 1974

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	March	3 months	3 months	3 months		March	3 months	3 months	
Adams Center NY .....	\$ 116.50	\$ 275.85	\$ 20.00		Salemville PA .....	55.00	165.00	206.00	
Albion WI .....	67.86	143.47	100.58		Schenectady NY .....		20.80		
Alfred NY .....	491.50	1,413.80	205.00		Seattle WA .....	175.82	263.63	10.00	
Alfred Station NY .....	247.83	693.23	30.00		Shiloh NJ .....	1,337.25	3,019.90	80.00	
Ashaway RI .....	388.82	1,462.28	175.00		Siskiyou, CA .....				
Assns & Groups .....	201.25	230.18	280.00		Stonefort IL .....	35.00	155.00	20.00	
Battle Creek MI .....	680.99	1,666.88	90.00		Syracuse NY .....				
Bay Area CA .....		145.00			Texarkana AR .....	20.00	20.00	20.00	
Berea WV .....	25.00	106.00			Verona NY .....	366.15	458.15	40.00	
Berlin NY .....	170.24	646.44	30.00		Walworth WI .....	60.00	190.00		
Boulder CO .....		228.44	165.00		Washington DC .....	205.00	205.00	30.00	
Brookfield NY .....		92.50	20.00		Waterford CT .....	394.62	588.42	90.00	
Buffalo NY .....	600.00	600.00			Westerly RI .....	650.00	650.00	284.75	
Dallas Fellowship TX .....					White Cloud MI .....	91.89	248.43	20.00	
Daytona Beach FL .....	100.00	580.00	20.00						
Denver CO .....	1,025.82	1,160.09	75.00		Totals .....	\$15,156.11	\$31,768.76	\$4,785.62	
De Ruyter NY .....	112.00	112.00	10.00		Non-Budget .....	264.18			
Dodge Center MN .....		368.13	50.00		Total To Disburse .....	\$15,420.29			
Farina IL .....	38.75	106.38	10.00						
Fouke AR .....	50.00	50.00	10.00						
Hammond LA .....									
Hebron PA .....	97.10	271.80	70.00						
Hopkinton RI .....			30.00						
Houston TX .....		90.00	10.00						
Independence NY .....	16.75	166.25	30.00						
Individuals .....		130.45	180.00						
Irvington NJ .....		950.00	200.00						
Kansas City MO .....	93.45	196.70	10.00						
Leonardsville NY .....	106.00	191.00							
Little Genesee NY .....	157.96	436.06	15.00						
Little Rock AR .....	10.65	29.85	20.00						
Los Angeles CA .....	900.00	1,350.00	1,060.00						
Lost Creek WV .....	817.58	817.58	100.00						
Marlboro NJ .....	535.23	1,405.48	20.00						
Metairie LA .....									
Milton WI .....	1,038.27	2,093.97	210.00						
Milton Junction WI .....	94.90	231.90							
Monterey CA .....	100.00	100.00							
New Auburn WI .....	238.95	256.45	88.47						
New Milton WV .....	20.00	105.00							
New Orleans LA .....									
North Loup NE .....		700.00	45.00						
Nortonville KS .....	228.50	618.50	80.00						
Ohio Fellowship OH .....	50.00	390.00							
Paint Rock AL .....	145.00	285.00	110.82						
Phoenix AZ .....									
Plainfield NJ .....	1,479.76	1,479.76	125.00						
Putnam County FL .....		100.00							
Richburg NY .....	447.56	662.28	40.00						
Riverside CA .....	534.00	1,602.00	80.00						
Rockville RI .....	35.00	104.00	20.00						
Salem WV .....	302.16	939.73	150.00						

MARCH DISBURSEMENTS			
Board of Christian Education .....		\$ 1,328.02	
Council on Ministry .....		762.26	
Historical Society .....		8.43	
Ministerial Retirement .....		1,256.16	
Missionary Society .....		6,346.34	
Tract Society .....		1,897.84	
Trustees of General Conference .....		24.37	
Women's Society .....		291.21	
World Fellowship and Service .....		94.67	
General Conference .....		3,410.99	
			\$15,420.29

SUMMARY			
1974 Budget .....		\$183,650.00	
Receipts for three months:			
OWM Treasurer .....	\$31,768.76		
Boards .....	4,785.62		
		36,554.38	
To be raised by December 31, 1974 .....	\$147,095.38		
Percentage of year elapsed .....	25%		
Percentage of budget raised .....	19.9%		
Three months:			
Due .....	\$ 45,912.51		
Raised .....	\$ 36,554.38		
Arrears .....		\$ 9,358.13	

Gordon Sanford  
OWM Treasurer

### Accessions

PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
Arlie Davis, Pastor

By Testimony:  
Reuel Bates  
Mrs. Imogene Booker  
Mrs. Edward Brown  
Charles Butler  
Mrs. Charles Butler  
Rev. Arlie Davis  
Mrs. Arlie Davis  
Mrs. Ardith Dundulis

Mrs. Penny Lee  
Arlin Payne  
Mrs. Arlin Payne  
Brad Payne  
Mrs. Hazel Scott  
Dr. Harold Swanstrom  
Mrs. Harold Swanstrom  
Emil Larsen

### Births

Fuller.— A son, Charles Menzo, to Richard and Shirleen Fuller of Reed City, Michigan, on January 19, 1974.

### NOTICE

The Semiannual Meetings of the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held in Dodge Center, Minnesota, on May 3, 4, and 5. All visitors welcome.

## EDITORIAL

# Mother's Day

It is during the month of May that we traditionally pause to give honor to our Mothers. This beautiful custom began in a Methodist church in the town of Grafton deep in the hills of West Virginia, and through the years has grown into national observance. In thousands of communities across the country Mother's Day is a time of bringing the family together, often at the old home place; it is also a time for a delicious meal and the sharing of times long past. In many places there is a special service at the church where each Mother is recognized in some special way.

Much has been written about Mothers and the influence they have had on history. Many a great person has attributed his success to the loving guidance of a God-fearing Mother. An unknown poet wrote:

"Of all the earthly things God gives,  
There's one above all others;  
It is the precious, priceless gift  
Of loving, Christian mothers."

Many of us recall with joy the earnest pleading, the reverent reading of God's Holy Word, and the blessed prayers of our Mothers. Through the shadows of many a desperate hour, her holy influence still beckons us toward the heavenly shore.

On Mother's Day we usually remember her with a gift. What better gift could there be for a godly Mother today than to see genuine faith exhibited in the life of her child? This is a treasure that cannot be bought with money, and I am sure nothing would please her more.

Let us praise God for our Mothers, let us take this opportunity to let her know of our love and concern. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a MOTHER that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

—Proverbs 31:28-31 □



### REPORT TO YOU WHO CARE

Over \$2,300 has been given toward the Seventh Day Baptist United Relief Fund (SDBURF) since its inception and initial promotion last Thanksgiving, the core group of the Christian Social Action Committee learned at its last meeting. In expressing its delight it voted to thank those who generously contributed through the pages of the Sabbath Recorder.

In the first of a continuing series of reports in this periodical the committee has disclosed its expenditures from January 1 until February 28.

A drought last summer has resulted in a famine in many African countries including Gambia, Sudan, Ethiopia, northern Nigeria, and Rhodesia, with especially severe conditions in the six countries of the Sahil region — Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Upper Volta, Niger and Chad. In an area where people subsist on little in good times, crop production was down by as much as 75 percent. Joining in a massive effort to help over twenty million people, \$100 has been sent from the SDBURF.

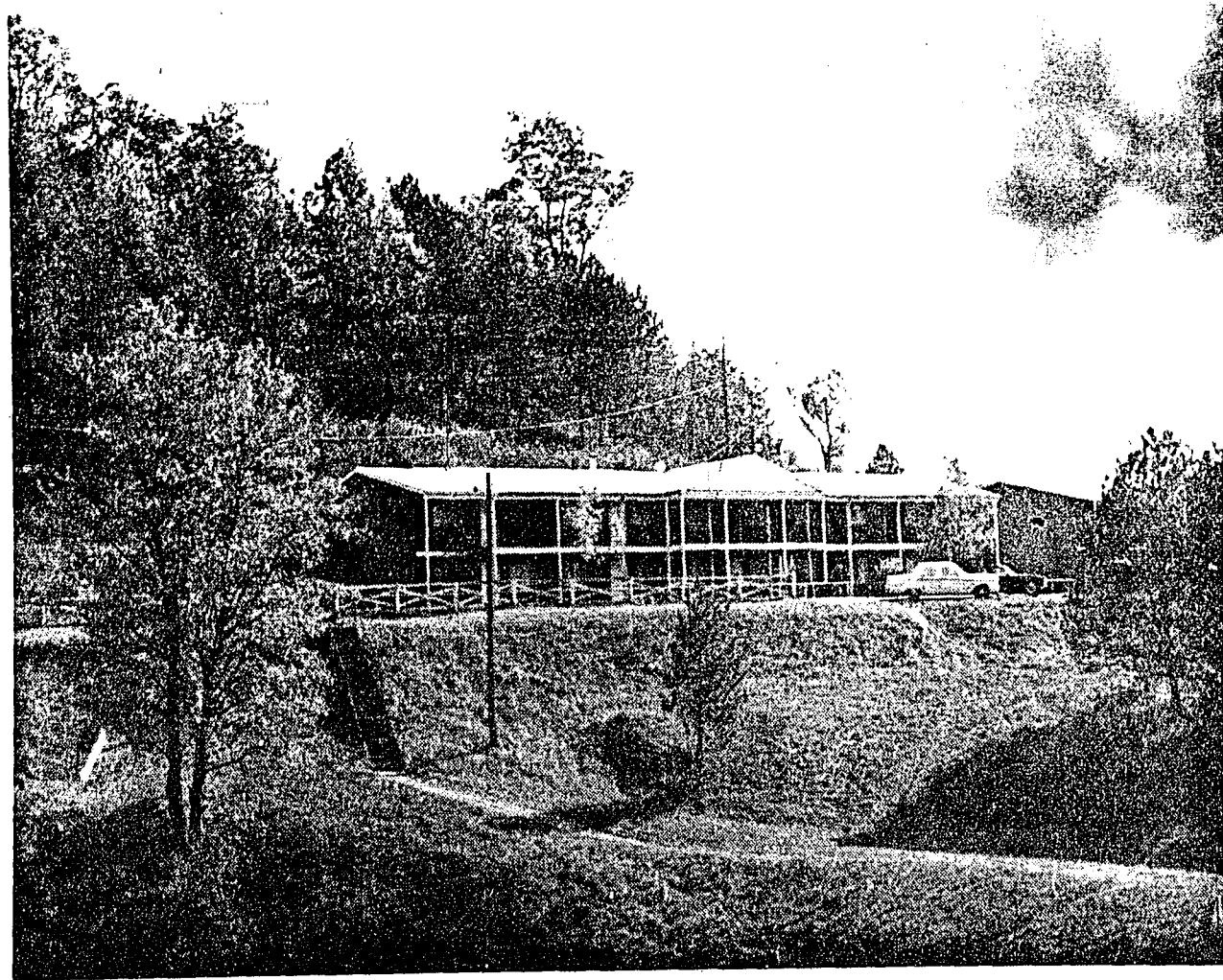
Also suffering from drought is another area in Africa including Northern Kenya and Maasiland. Over 60,000 people in Northern Kenya are receiving supplementary food through relief centers set up by the National Christian Council of Kenya. We are a part of that work with \$50 sent on your behalf by your committee.

Serious flooding in Bolivia in February has left some 4,000 people homeless down hill from the city of La Paz. In order to be represented with other Christians we have authorized the sending of \$10 from the SDBURF for emergency food and medical supplies.

Disastrous floods in eastern Australia have left many homeless. Refugees are resettling in the Brisbane area and need immediate food and clothing until they can get established. We are there in a gift of \$30.

With emergency needs arising constantly it is anticipated that the generous, compassionate giving to the SDBURF will be none too much. The committee is proud to, and praises the Lord for the privilege of serving Seventh Day Baptists to His glory.

**YOU ARE THERE BECAUSE YOU CARE**



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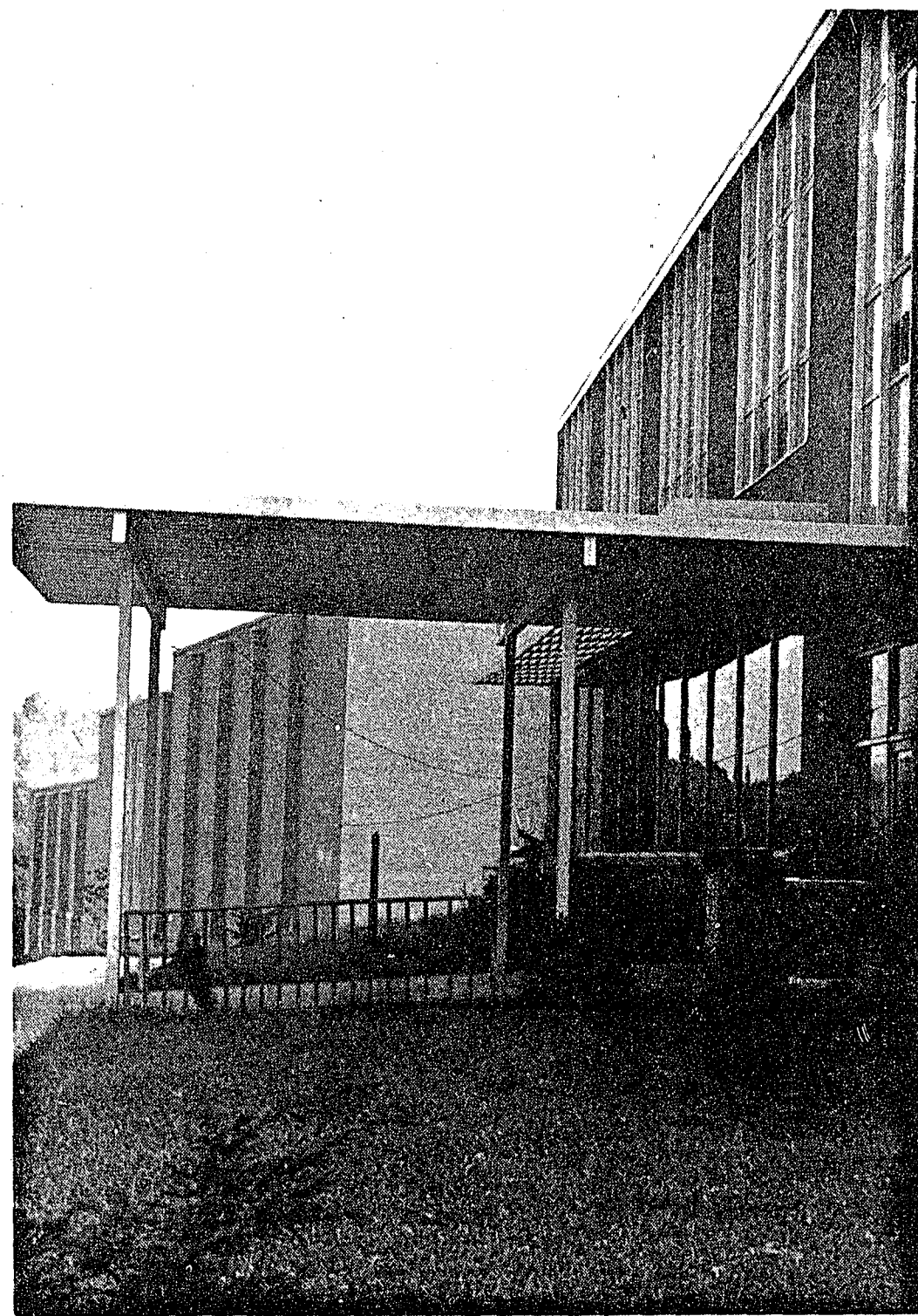
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